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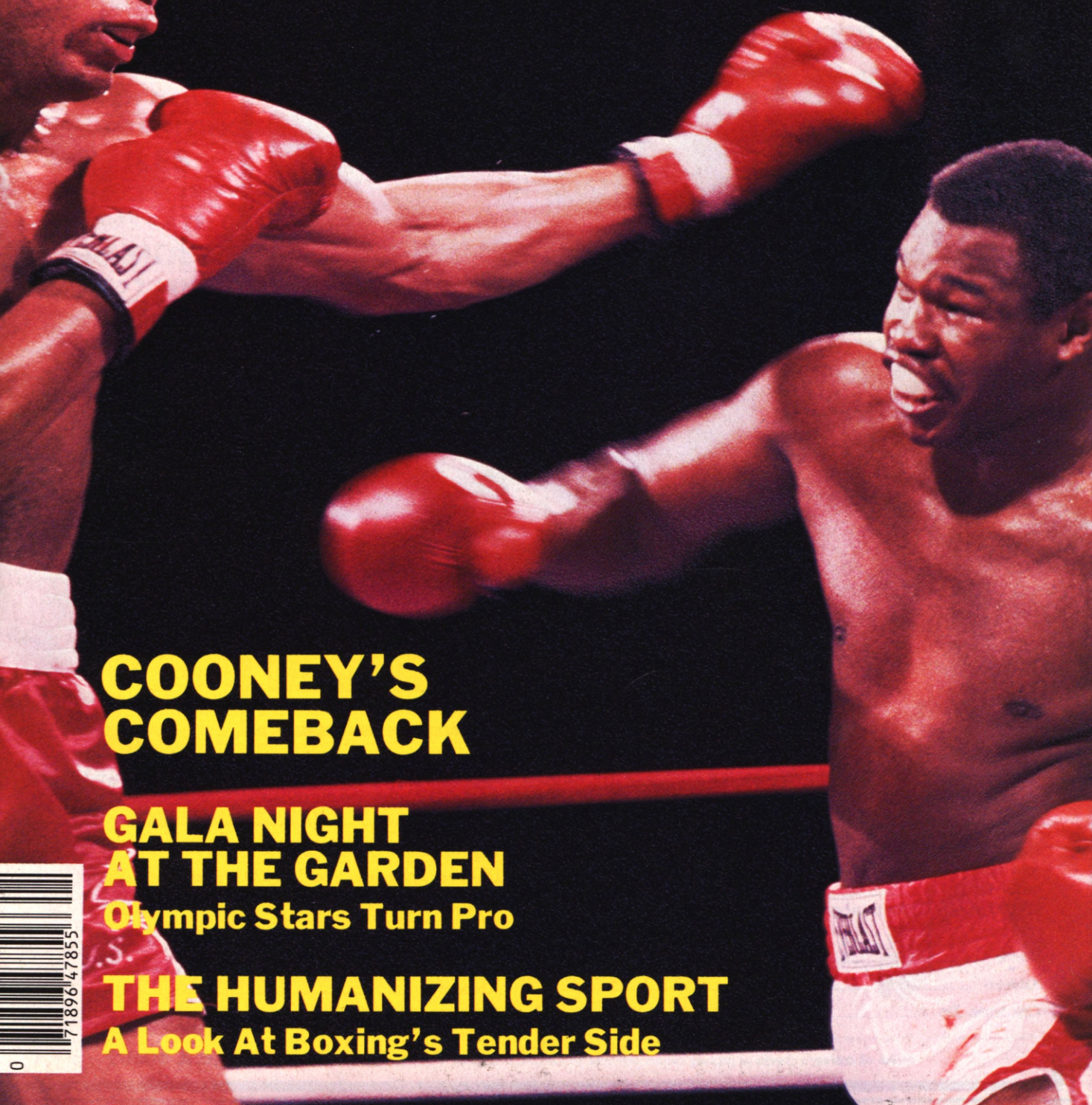

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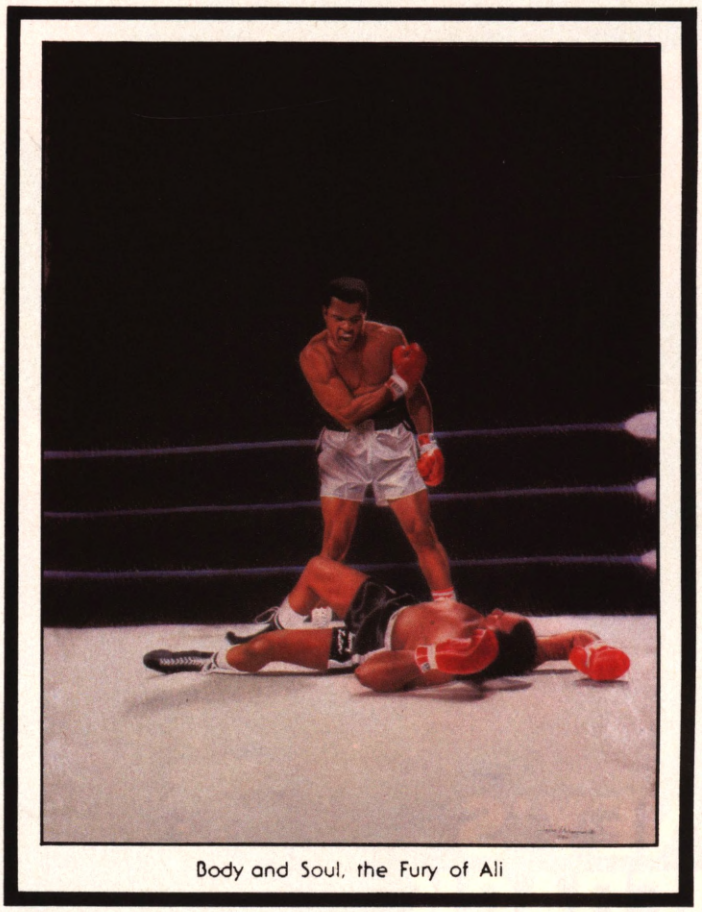

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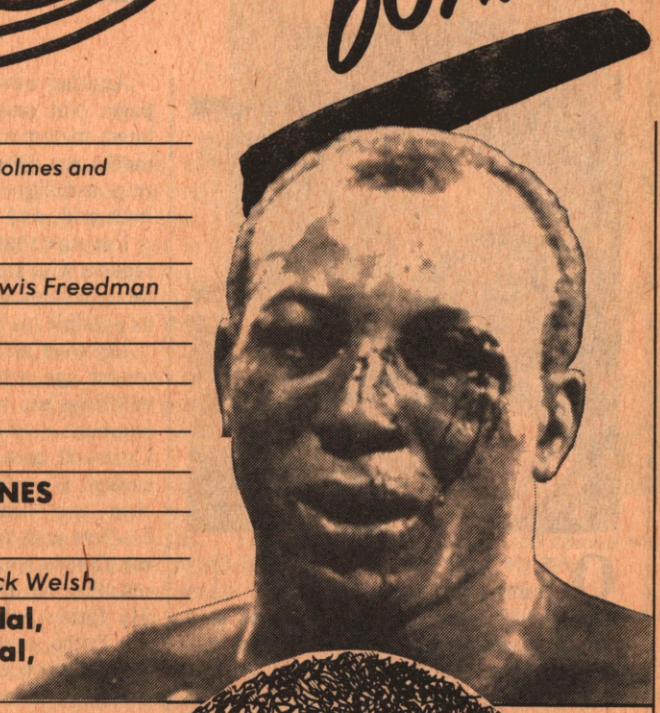

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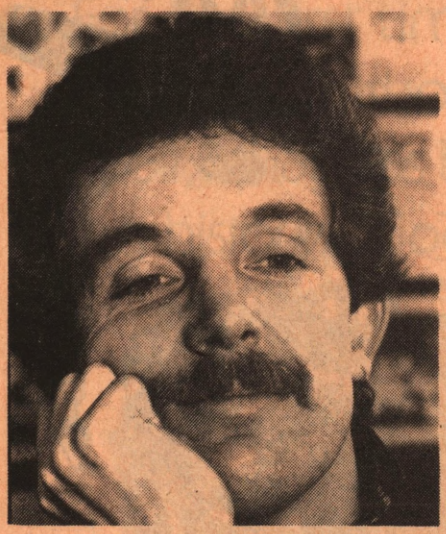

ONE OF THE FEW THINGS YOU CAN count on is that nothing ever stays the same forever. A wise man once said that, although the world hates change, it is the only thing that brings progress. So it is with some trepidation, and a great deal of enthusiasm, that I announce the new, revitalized, *Ring Magazine.*

Since Nat Fleischer founded *The Ring* in 1922, the publication has undergone several changes in size and format. But throughout its history, *The Ring* has always maintained its position as the boxing magazine of historical reference—The Bible Of Boxing. To me, this is practically a sacred trust, a trust that I intend to guard with all the powers at my command. Yes, there will be some changes—hopefully, for the better. But no, we will not stray too far from the traditional path that has earned us your loyal readership.

Now for some specifics.

Due to a prohibitive rise in production costs, we have been forced to reduce the size of *The Ring* from 88 to 68 pages. The alternative was to raise the price of the magazine, a step we wanted to avoid. However, fewer pages does not mean a lessening of the comprehensive boxing coverage that has always been our trademark. In fact, a quick perusal of this issue will reveal that, not only are all the old familiar features still included, but a number of fresh ones are making their debut. The package may be smaller, but the contents have been enlarged.

Another new item is the byline on this page. Not only does this issue mark the latest metamorphosis of *The Ring*, it also marks my debut as its Editor-In-Chief—a responsibility and honor that I assume with both pride and respect.

I'm sure that there are many among our readers who are wondering who I am. It's a fair question, and I will attempt, as briefly as possible, to provide you with an answer.

My love affair with boxing began at a tender age, when my grandfather used to entertain me with yarns about Bob Fitzsimmons, who hailed from the same Cornwall area of England as my grandfather. He told me how "Ruby Robert" won the heavyweight title from Jim Corbett with a stomach punch, giving me my first lesson in boxing history and also teaching me the value of body punching. My father, who boxed a bit in the Royal Air Force, reinforced my affection for the "sweet science" by taking me to boxing matches before I was old enough to go on my own. Our mutual love of the sport also helped bridge the generation gap, giving us grounds for agreement, even during the most trying of times.

My professional involvement began in January, 1973, when I became the Philadelphia and Atlantic City correspondent for *The Ring*. I joined the staff of The Ring Publishing Corp. in August, 1983, and became the editor of *Boxing Illustrated* (at the time *The Ring*'s sister publication) beginning with the March, 1984 issue. When our Board of Directors retired the *Boxing Illustrated* title following the November '84 issue, I moved over to *The Ring*. Those of you familiar with *Boxing Illustrated* will notice that several of the more popular features of that publication are now appearing in *The Ring*, giving the readers the best possible boxing magazine in one, all-encompassing assemblage.

Bearing in mind that the present is the period when the future pauses for a short while before becoming the past, *The Ring* sails boldly onward, confident that the new course it is taking will serve our readers in a manner that will benefit both them and the sport of boxing.

NIGEL COLLINS

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Come Out Writing

BOXER'S BURNOUT

IT IS SAID THAT MUHAMMAD ALI has Parkinson's syndrome. If this is in fact true, then it would perhaps behoove us to take a serious look at the boxers who fought in the same manner as Ali, both the ones he emulated, and the ones who emulated him.

Different fighting styles produce not only different advantages, but also different risks. In boxing, this means that the slow-moving slugger, because of his method of fighting, must depend on his power first, with a secondary priority being to defend himself against a lighter-hitting, faster opponent. An example of a successful, slow-moving slugger is Earnie Shavers, who is probably the hardest hitter in history, in any weight class. It wasn't until Shavers met up with the boxing elite (Ali and Holmes) that his shortcomings were exposed; that is, he couldn't box. All he could do was fight, which meant either knocking out his opponent, or getting knocked out himself. Defense was a lucky coincidence when Earnie Shavers fought. And yet, he retired, if not on top, at least gracefully, having never been champion, but with all of his mental processes intact.

There are other fighters who possess similar abilities and shortcomings, with similar results. Rocky Graziano is remembered as a guy who asked no quarter, gave no quarter, and may the best man be left standing. His mind is still sharp. The same can be said for Jake LaMotta, although who can say how sharp he was to begin with.

I could go on and on about the sluggers, name names, and so forth, but if you are at all familiar with boxing, you can think of several examples of the type of fighter I am referring to. These guys are not in much danger from their fighting careers. There are fighters who *are* endangering themselves, not be the shots they take, but by the very way they fight. I am now referring to Muhammad Ali and all the fighters who fight like Ali, including Sugar Ray Leonard, Aaron Pryor, Larry Holmes, Michael Dokes, and so on. There is historical precedent to suggest that boxers of this ilk (Beau Jack, Henry Armstrong, Joe Louis, among others) are more apt to suffer from the same type of affliction that Muhammad Ali is currently combating. The only thing I can think of to call this peculiar malady is BOXER BURNOUT, because so many boxers (*pure* boxers) are stricken by it, and most sluggers are not. Boxers burn out faster, and the faster the boxer, the faster the burnout.

We should keep our eyes on fighters like Pryor, Dokes (Remember his horrible loss to Coetzee?), Holmes, Howard Davis, as well as action brawlers like Ray Mancini, Corny Boza-Edwards, and Curtis Parker, to determine if, in fact, the faster you go, the quicker you lose. Lose it all.

PAUL KLEMME
Austin, Texas

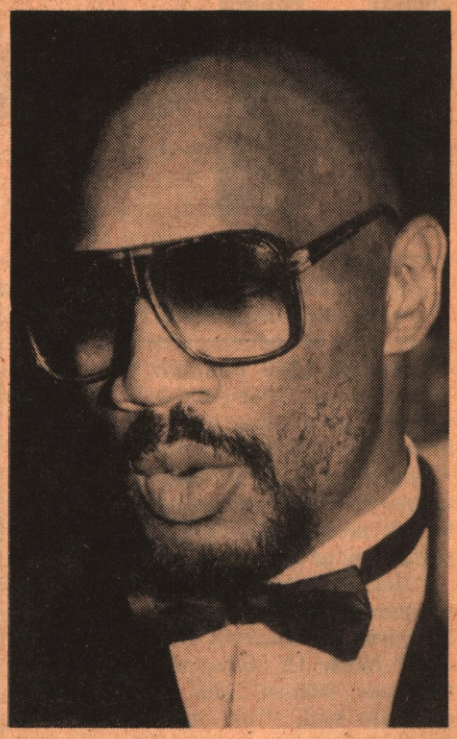
MASSIVE SUPPORT FOR MARVELOUS MARVIN

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. THE WBC, IN another outrage to boxing, has taken their title away from the undisputed middleweight champion, Marvin Hagler. Marvelous Marvin is possibly the best fighting champion boxing has seen in a long time. The time has now come for *The Ring* (as the only intelligent alternative for the sport) to conduct a poll, asking fans throughout the world to support a commission regulated by the Federal Government. This would help put some dignity back in the game. I'm sure that the votes would state emphatically that boxing fans and *The Ring* no longer accept the WBC, or the WBA, as an organization with any authority whatsoever.

Jose Sulaiman has now sealed his own coffin. When his organization thinks a title is a credit card to give or take away at their whim, we have what we have now—a sorry state of boxing.

The situation has been going on for many years with two or three champions per division. It is now time for all concerned to ban the WBC and WBA from boxing. *The Ring* can either be a leader or a follower. Which will it be?

STEVE EAGLE
New York City



Marvelous Marvin Hagler: still champ with our readers.

I'VE JUST READ THAT THE WBC has stripped Marvin Hagler of their portion of the world middleweight title. I sincerely hope that the entire boxing world yells "Who cares?" at this latest ridiculous development.

As your magazine has indicated many times in the past, champions are made in the ring, and in *The Ring*. Regardless of what the WBC says or does, the boxing public will still regard Marvelous Marvin as the only 160-pound titlist. All Marvin has done is go eight years without a defeat and defended his title 10 times. Even this isn't good enough for the self-serving parasites at the WBC headquarters.

You can bet the mortgage that Michael Spinks will be next on the WBC's hit list. It really doesn't matter, though. The credibility of the WBC is down to zero.

JOHN ROBERTSON
Ontario, Canada

Editor's note: The above is a small sampling of the avalanche of mail we've received in support of Marvin Hagler. So far, not a single letter has crossed my desk that even partially agrees with the action taken by the WBC.

ROUND ONE

BY NIGEL COLLINS

IT'S ENOUGH TO TAKE YOUR EYE OUT

IT LOOKS LIKE FORMER WBA BANtamweight champion Jeff Chandler will never get a chance to win back the title he lost to Richie Sandoval last year in Atlantic City. Early in October, 1984, Jeff underwent eye surgery that should end his boxing career, according to the doctor who performed the surgery.

"He definitely should not fight anymore," said Dr. Richard Ellis, in an interview published in the Philadelphia *Daily News*. Dr. Ellis, who removed a traumatic cataract from Chandler's left eye, also said, "Not only shouldn't he fight—anyone who has had that type of surgery should not even rub their eye hard."

J. Russell Peltz, Chandler's promoter, said that the cataract problem was originally discovered in 1983.

"The New Jersey commission got a report," said Peltz. "Jeff was ordered to take a special exam. It showed he had the beginnings of a cataract. We were told that the operation would be three or four years down the road, that it wasn't dangerous."

At first, Chandler, who compiled a 33-2-2, 18 KOs record against the best 118-pounders in the world, said that there was a 50-50 chance that he would box again.

"I can feel it in my blood again," said Jeff. "I really want to fight again."

That now seems only a remote possibility. Both the New Jersey and Pennsylvania boxing commissions have revoked his boxing license. Sure, Chandler could probably find a doctor and a commission somewhere that would allow him to fight, but certainly not in any major fight mecca. According to Dr. Ellis, a clear plastic lens was inserted in Chandler's left eye, and that just rubbing the eye, not to mention getting hit in it, could dislocate the lens and cause other damage.

"Joltin' Jeff" was one of the finest fighters to ever come out of Philadelphia. And that's saying a lot when you consider that Philly has always been one of the most fertile breeding grounds for fighters in the world. He won the WBA crown with a 14th round knockout over Julian Solis, November 14, 1980, and successfully defended the belt nine times before losing to Sandoval in a stunning upset. Before his loss to Sandoval, Chandler was being touted as a future Hall-of-Famer. He looked unbeatable at 118-pounds, and, despite his often arrogant attitude towards opponents and press alike, there were many who felt he was one of the best bantamweights of all time.

Eye surgery has put Jeff Chandler's career in serious jeopardy.

WHAT'S THE USE OF KICKING?

WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT kicking your opponent in the teeth would get you disqualified. But Canadian middleweight Deano Clavet recently lost his bid for the Canadian crown when he kicked defending champion Alex Hilton's mouthpiece. We should state that the mouthpiece was lying on the canvas when Deano gave it a boot in an apparent effort to get it out of the way. Clavet's momentary loss of concentration gave Hilton the opportunity to land a big right to the chin. The punch hurt Clavet and Alex opened up with both hands, forcing the referee to intervene just seconds before the final bell. At the time of the stoppage, Clavet led by one point on two cards, while Hilton was in front by one point on the other. It all goes to prove that, if you're going to kick a guy in the mouthpiece, you had better make sure you're in Thailand (where kickboxing is legal), and that the mouthpiece is still in your opponent's mouth.

DUELING DOCTORS

ON THE OCTOBER 27 EDITION OF ABC-TV's "Sports Beat," hosted by our old pal Howard Cosell, they ran a segment examining the recent groundswell of anti-boxing sentiment by the medical community. Doctors with conflicting points of view got a chance to say their piece for posterity. Here is a sampling of some of their quotes:

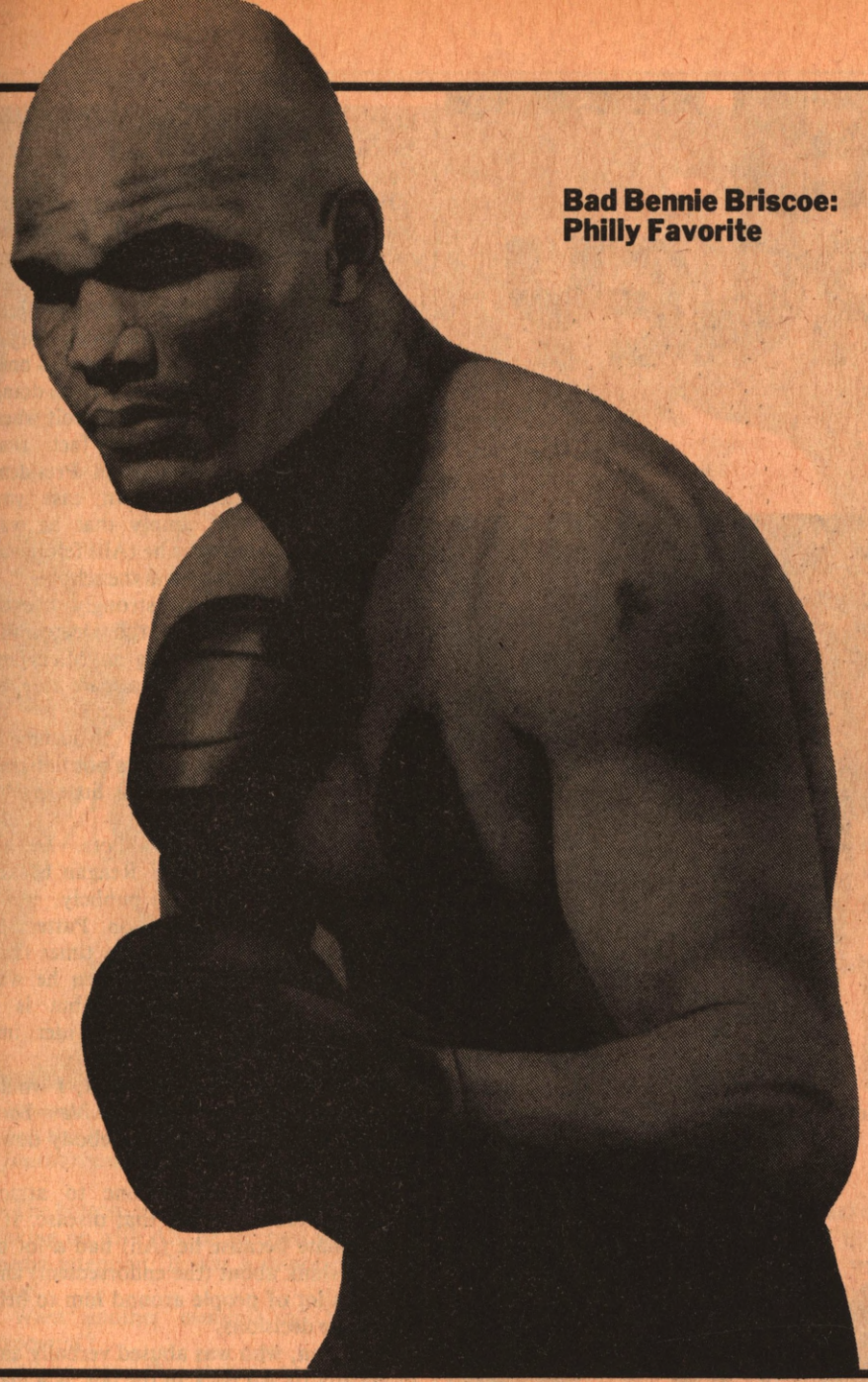
First, we have Dr. George Lundberg, author of an editorial in the Journal of the American Medical Association, urging the abolition of boxing. It seems the good doctor is of the opinion that amateur boxing could legally constitute child abuse.

"It is abuse," said Dr. Lundberg. "It is predictable damage. It is children. And if adults promote, for whatever reason, such as their own pleasure, children bashing each other and hurting each other deliberately, this makes pretty good sense as a sform of child abuse."

On the other hand, there was Dr. Mortimer Shapiro, a respected psychiatrist and neurologist serving on the New York State Athletic Commission Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Shapiro defended boxing and disagreed with Dr. Lundberg.

"All these societies are on correct grounds in saying that boxing can and does produce brain damage. Nevertheless, this is not the problem.

"The problem is, what does boxing serve in the community? And I think it does serve a genuine purpose. The major purpose it does serve is that it does permit



Bad Bennie Briscoe: Philly Favorite

the vicarious expression of a tremendous amount of hostility, anger, rage, frustration, and so forth, that is built up in various cultures. One can discharge some of this vicariously in the observation, of, let's say, a boxing bout on television.

"Secondly, one can say that it does afford an economic opportunity for a certain number of people who are disenfranchised by the culture—who, let's say, because of educational deficit or other sociological deficits, cannot really make their way in culture. It does provide a way out.

"Do we need better regulation of boxing? Absolutely. Do we need better gloves? Do we need headgear? Do we need a roster, a computer bank, of what a fighter is? Do we need better medical examinations? Undoubtedly. Unquestionably.

"However, should we abolish boxing? That is not a medical problem. That is a moral problem. It is a sociological problem. It has nothing to do with medicine." Amen.

"BAD BENNIE" FRANKLIN WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR JACK OBERmayer sent in this piece that we would like to share with you because it involves one of our old favorites: "Philadelphia sports fans are known nationwide as having a light trigger finger when it comes to booing their own. In the past, they have booed The Easter Bunny and thrown snowballs at Santa Claus. It sure doesn't take much for the "boo-birds" to do their thing. A "Loose List" in a recent edition of the Sunday Philadelphia *Inquirer* listed five hometown sports figures who have never been booed in Philadelphia. Bobby Clark, Julius Erving, Tommy McDonald, and Richie Ashburn were joined by Bennie Briscoe. How right they are. "Bad Bennie" never won a world title, but, in the hearts of Philly fight fans, he'll always be number one.

PUNCHLINES

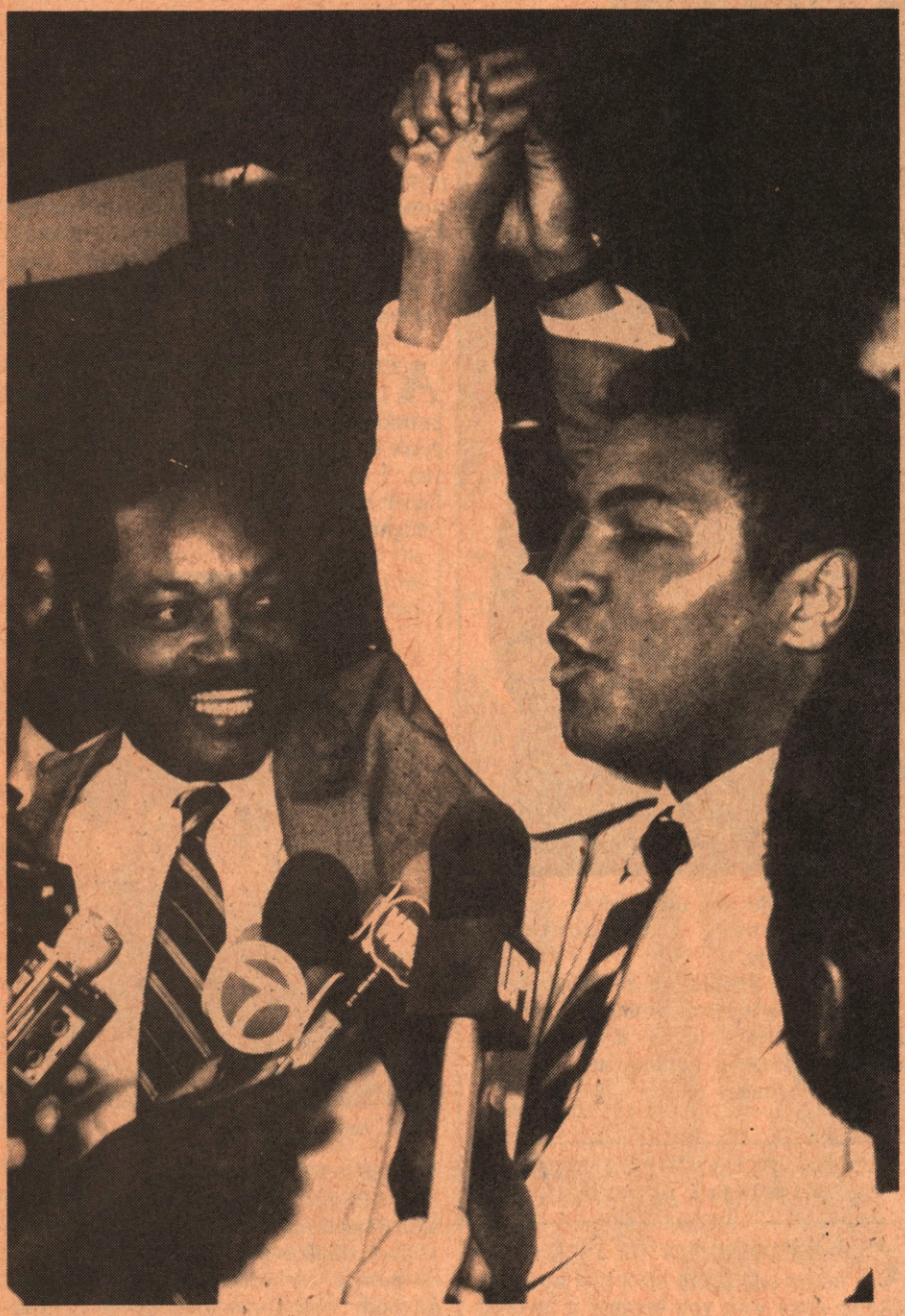
IBF HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION LARRY Holmes, when a certain sportswriter criticized the calibre of Holmes' recent opponents at a press conference announcing Larry's fight with "Bonecrusher" Smith: "I don't care about your opinions. You guys don't pay my rent. Most of you guys get in for free."

ACHAGRINED JOE FRAZIER FOLLOWing his son Marvis' easy first round knockout over butterball Dave Starkey: "I don't have no hell to raise with him (Marvis). I normally like to go back (after a fight) and give him hell. But I can't tonight."

WBC heavyweight boss Pinklon Thomas.

WBC HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION Pinklon Thomas, commenting on Muhammad Ali's latest medical problems: "I don't think they should base the security of boxing on what happened to Ali. Anybody who starts (boxing) at 12 and stops at 40 is bound to have some problems."

MICHAEL MARLEY AT LARGE



Reverend Jesse Jackson and his old pal Muhammad Ali appear before newsmen at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in New York during Ali's stay for medical tests.

BUM OF THE MONTH: REV. JESSE Jackson tops the field by a huge margin. You don't need all precincts reporting or a survey of the nation's most respected pollsters to verify it, either. No, this is one race in which this demagogue sprinted to the finish line in record time.

On the heels of his mediocre performance on NBC's "Saturday Night Live," Jackson decided to test out his one-liners away from the studios. He was doing a Q&A bit with reporters in Detroit when someone brought up the fact that Muhammad Ali had endorsed President Reagan's re-election bid. In case you missed it, Ali said simply that he was backing Reagan because he (Ali) felt it was important to keep prayer in the schools.

Ali, of course, had strongly backed Jackson's effort to win the Democratic nomination. But, speaking in Michigan, Jackson seemed to have a bad case of sudden amnesia.

"He has Parkinson's Syndrome," Jackson told the press. "He's not thinking very fast these days. He's a little punch drunk."

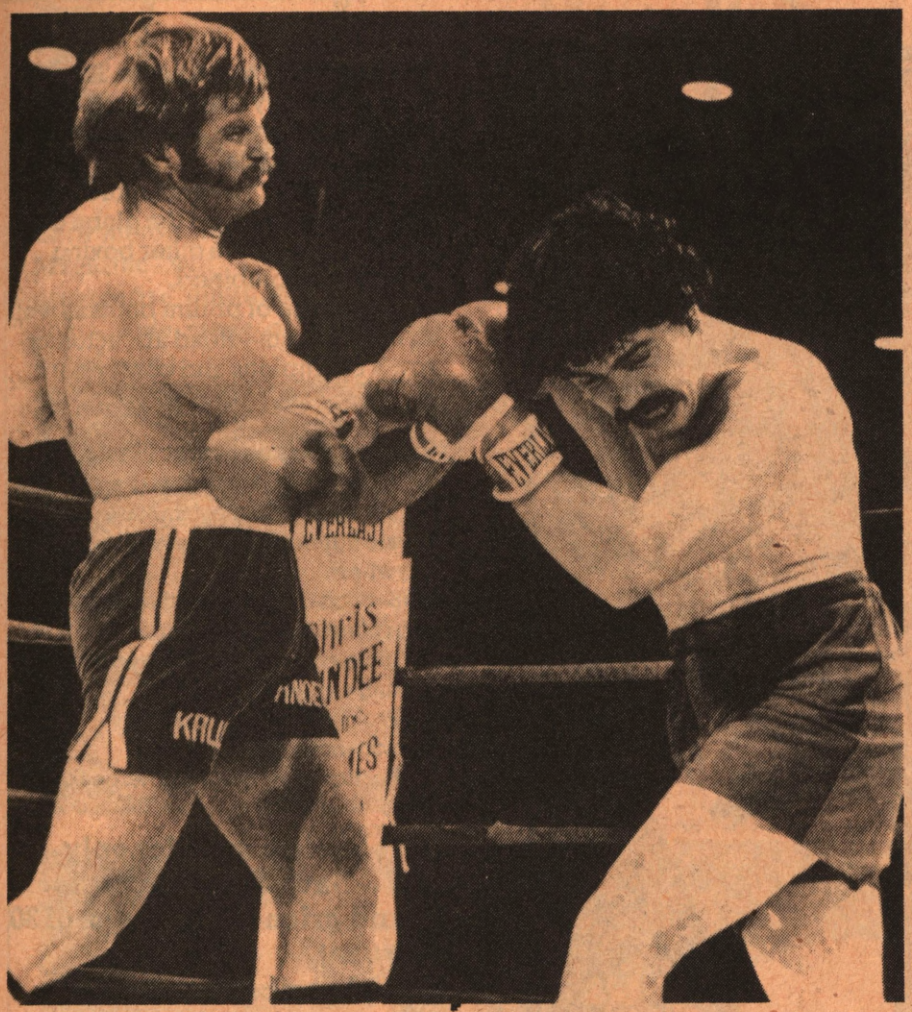
Talk about your cold shots. To his everlasting credit, another Reagan backer was quick to respond publicly. Ali's defender was Floyd Patterson. Patterson, you'll recall, went down more times than ship with a drunken crew when he was world heavyweight champion but is a stand-up guy in matters of wider importance.

"If I said something like that, I would apologize," Patterson told *The New York Post*. "You don't knock somebody down to build someone else up.

"It's a pity for someone to attack someone because he has that disease. It's unfortunate because he (Ali) had a lot of time to think about (the endorsement) and he has a lot of people around him to help him make decisions."

Patterson, who was abused verbally and physically by Ali back in the 60s, is a man of loyalty and of compassion. He further labeled Jackson's cheap remarks as that of a "desperate" man. I think Patterson was being far too kind. For this is just another example of what a 24-carat phony Jackson can be.

When Ali was hospitalized recently, one of his uninvited visitors was—guess who?—the "I Am Somebody" preacher-politician. Typically, Jackson and his aides ruffled the feelings of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center public relations officials by showing up along with a mob of TV and print types. Jackson's aides never had the courtesy to inform the hospital officials that they were coming but they did make sure to tip off all the TV news desks.



Remember when Jesse Jackson picketed the Fifth Street Gym in Miami in an attempt to halt this bout between Kallie Knoetze and Bill Sharkey, won by the South African via a fourth round knockout?

The bottom line for Jackson was that, by linking up with Ali, he received worldwide media attention. It was a minor publicity coup.

Want another example of Jackson's hypocrisy?

It's no secret that Jackson and Don King have long been thick as a brick. King makes donations to Jackson's campaigns and causes and, giving the promoter the benefit of the doubt, let us assume he does this purely in the sense of charity and good works. And, if anything is tax-deductible, all the better.

Jackson has also been highly visible on the scene of many major fights, including Holmes-Snipes and Leonard-Hearns, tagging along with his pal, D.K.

With this in mind, do you recall all the noise Jackson made about white South African Kallie Knoetze's Miami Beach fight against Bill Sharkey? Jackson even went to Florida in January of 1979 to do a picketing-for-TV number in front of the Fifth Street Gym. Again, typically, when the TV lights and cameras were packed away, Jackson's caravan took off at high speed. Around this same time, King was swearing up and down—perhaps even on a stack of *Ring* magazines—that he vehemently opposed apartheid and would never promote fights in racist South Africa or any of its phony tribal homeland states.

And, when Harry Belafonte and Arthur Ashe formed a group called Artists and Athletes against Apartheid, King was quick to become a signatory to their letterheads.

Fast forward in time. On December 1, two of King's heavyweight pawns, South African Gerrie Coetzee and the Michelin Man Greg Page, were scheduled to duel for the WBA version title in Sun City, Bophutatswana. That is the phony homeland supposedly ruled by blacks. In reality, it is a puppet state where blacks perspire so whites can prosper.

King's answer to this would be that he has sold the promotional rights to the fight. He would contend that he is not a party to the promotion. It is a transparent cover-up, for King will undoubtedly make a tidy profit from the bout.

Ashe, a busy man who finds time to make the apartheid issue a matter of his concern, took public notice of the group's embarrassment over King's sale of the promotional rights to Sun City casino boss Sol Kerzner. The former tennis star said King "was the most influential signatory to our position since boxers are the most likely to be invited to South Africa—boxers and tennis players."

But, meanwhile, not a peep has been heard from the Not So Right Reverend about the fight or King's profiteering. Moreover, when Ashe and other anti-apartheid activists were trying in vain to reach Page and appeal to his sense of morality, Jackson remained uninvolved. Ashe and others were influential in dissuading David Bey from going to Sun City to challenge Coetzee but that is more of a sidebar than it is a bright note.

By his hustler's history and the nature of his trade, King's greed will always overwhelm his social conscience. But we are getting closer to the bottom line and that is the deafening silence from Jackson's corner.

The sleaze factor is high enough in boxing. The Legion of Hypocrites is well-stocked and needs no new members. As for boxing in general and the great Ali in particular, the best thing Jackson could do for both is to leave them alone.

With friends like Jesse, neither Ali nor boxing will need any enemies. □

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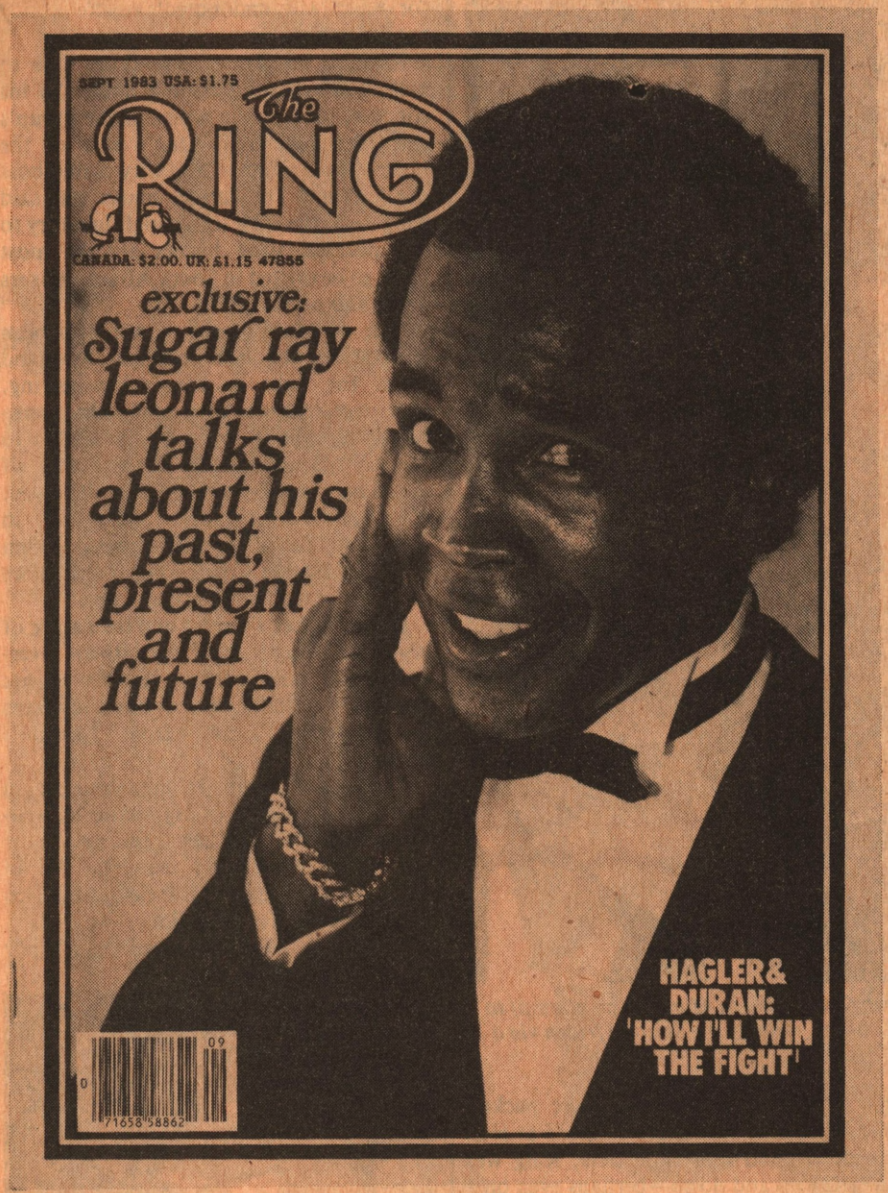

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THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

Can Marvis Frazier succeed as a full-fledged heavyweight, or should he campaign as a cruiserweight?

Cus D'Amato and Floyd Patterson pack for a road trip.

Marvis Frazier mixes it up with James Broad.

JAKE LA MOTTA (Former middleweight champion):

He seems to be a natural heavyweight to me. He's still young, he'll only put on weight. To me, the cruiserweights are a nothing division, anyway. A lot of these new divisions are nothing. The whole thing is getting too commercial. I don't want to sound conceited, but I thinks things were better the way they were back in my day.

JOE HAND (Promoter):

I think Marvis could be the next cruiserweight champion any time he wanted to. But look at the heavyweights and you see guys 6-foot-5 and 230. Marvis has an uphill battle (against them).

PHIL PEPE (*New York Post* columnist):

In general there isn't enough money in the cruiserweights. Not even the cruiserweight champion makes much of an impact. Marvis may be a notch below the likes of Larry Holmes, but I think he's good enough to beat a lot of the heavyweights around today. So, if I was in a position to guide his career, I'd keep him with the heavyweights. After all, money is what it's all about.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN (Ring's Managing Editor)

He should fight as a cruiserweight. Today's heavies are simply too big, too strong and too fast for a 200-pounder like Marvis—who, incidentally, has a questionable chin. Besides, in Marvis' last amateur fight, he was knocked out by a broad.

CUS D'AMATO (Veteran manager and trainer):

I don't think the weight makes any difference. We had a saying when I was young: 'If he punches hard enough, he's big enough.' A good example was Floyd Patterson. He was really only a big middleweight and Patterson had no problem knocking out heavyweights. The real question is: how well can Marvis fight—not what division he should fight in.

DR. FERDIE PACHECO (NBC-TV's fight doctor):

Judging by his physique, he appears more suited to the cruisers. But the current crop of heavyweights isn't exactly filling anyone with awe. Marvis is never going to be another Joe Frazier, but he should be able to have a good career and earn some bucks. A lot of people wanted Marvis to quit after his loss to (Larry) Holmes, but don't forget, he was in with one of today's greats and was still on his feet when they stopped it. Marvis is still a very young guy, one loss doesn't mean his career is down the tubes.

ROSSMARIE ROSS (*Trenton Times* columnist):

He should definitely fight as a cruiserweight. I know Marvis is over 200 pounds now, but there's something fragile looking about him when he fights the big guys. Even after Larry Holmes retires, the rest of the top men in the division—Pinklon Thomas, David Bey, Tim Witherspoon, Greg Page, etc.—are 220, or bigger.

JIMMY JACOBS (Manager and fight film collector):

There were many small men who were great heavyweights in the past. They just hit hard enough that their relative size didn't make that much of a difference. Therefore, I can see no problem with Marvis continuing to fight as a heavyweight. Of course, he was thrown in with Holmes prematurely. But then, who's accusing Joe Frazier of being a great manager?

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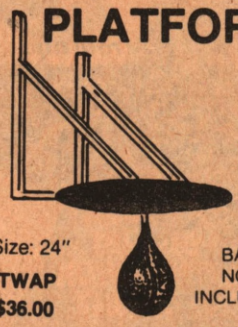

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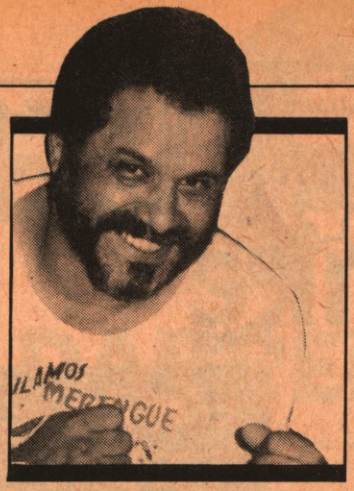

JIMMY MONTOYA

ONCE AGAIN, THE HANDSOME MUG OF MANAGER-TRAINER Jimmy Montoya appears right-side-up on this page. There was a stime when Jimmy was only associated with losers, but, lately, he's been in the winner's circle so often it's starting to become a habit. Montoya got his first taste of championship money when Richie Sandoval upset Jeff Chandler for the WBA bantamweight title last year. Now that Juan (Kid) Meza has blasted out previously unbeaten Jaime Garza for the WBC super bantamweight belt, Jimmy is so hot, he's practically sizzling. It's always good to see a guy like Montoya, who made it the hard way, enjoy the fruits of his labor. They used to say Jimmy drove a "meat wagon." Now he can afford a Rolls Royce. □

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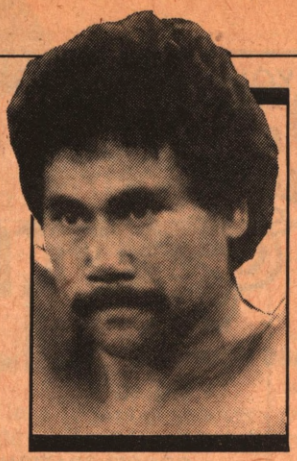

PISA FINAI

NOW BEFORE ALL YOU WISE GUYS ASK, WHAT'S A PISA Finai, let us inform you that he's a dynamite punching heavyweight from Somoa, via Salt Lake City. Pisa recently made a smashing east coast debut, icing New Yorker Gary Lightbourne in just 1:28 of the opening round. Lightbourne is no bum. He was undefeated in 10 pro bouts before Finai nailed him with one of his bombs. Finai, a solid-looking 220-pounder, is currently 13-1, with all of his wins coming inside the distance. Bob Arum says he wants to get Finai a few more wins and then offer Gery Cooney a million dollars to fight the Somoian slugger. We're not sure if Pisa is a future threat to the heavyweight crown, but, just in case, remember where you read about him first. □

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RENALDO SNIPES

REMEMBER RENALDO SNIPES, THE HEAVYWEIGHT WITH the weirdo style who put Larry Holmes on his ass? Well, things haven't been going too well for Mr. Snipes since then. He dropped decisions to Tim Witherspoon, Greg Page, and Alfredo Evangelista—of all people—and then took a lengthy hiatus from the ring. Then, late in 1984, he decided to take another crack at his boxing career. His first comeback fight looked like a fairly easy task. The guy in the other corner was cruiserweight Rickey Parkley, owner of a skimpy 10-2 record. But wouldn't you know it, Snipes couldn't do a thing with his much lighter opponent, dropping the decision after a 10 round foot race. Poor Renaldo. He never did have much luck. □

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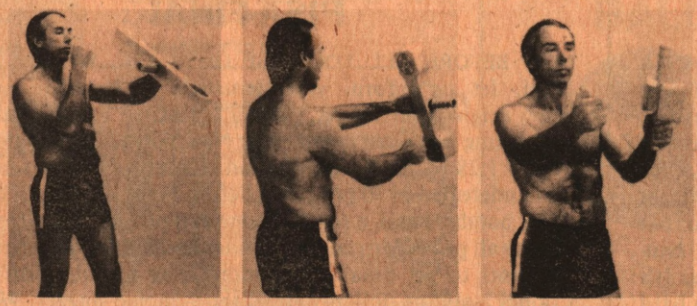

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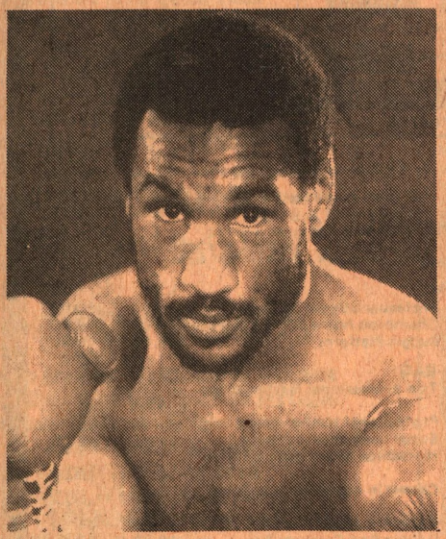

BY GARY NAGER

"IF I CAN MAKE IT THERE, I'LL make it anywhere."

Nobody has to tell you who made these immortal words famous. And the lyrics have so much meaning because young people from all over the world still come to the Big Apple seeking fame and fortune.

Among the legion looking for a piece of the New York pie is a hard-punching junior middleweight named Troy Darrell. You say you've never heard of him? Well, Troy Darrell was born and raised in Bermuda. He now lives in New Rochelle, trains at the Times Square Gym and has a mule's kick in both hands. He's 14-0 with 13 knockouts and is the proud holder of the New York State junior middleweight belt.

In July 1982, in his second outing at "Madison Square Garden, Jr.," Troy scored a first-round knockout over one Don Miller. The distinguishing characteristic about the blow out was that it lasted just 14 seconds, the fastest stoppage in the history of the "other" Garden and one of the quickest ever in the sport.

On October 4, 1984, Troy won his New York title with a seventh-round kayo over his toughest-ever opponent, Pedro Estrada. It was Darrell's ninth-straight Felt Forum knockout, but the fight itself was a lot more important than the record. Pedro Estrada may be just another "KO 7" on Troy Darrell's record, but Troy and his management will long remember October 4, 1984, as the night an already-undefeated boxer became a pro fighter.

In his previous 13 paid performances, Darrell learned little more about his abilities than the fact he could punch. But, his co-managers, Eddie Allen and Dan Pisani, knew that it was time to step up the quality of their charge's opposition. They agreed to match Troy against Estrada, who came into the fight with an 8-1, 6 KO log, for $5,000 and the championship of New York State. It would also be the first main event opportunity for both men. It proved to be one of the most exciting match-ups in the history of the arena.

Darrell dominated the first two rounds, despite suffering an ugly gash over his left eye. He dropped Estrada once in each frame and it seemed that he could end it whenever he chose to.

In the third, Troy came out winging and practically punched himself out in his effort to put Estrada away. Pedro waded through the onslaught, snapped a potent left hook to his opponent's temple and Darrell was down for the first time in his life. Before Troy had a chance to regain all his faculties, Estrada followed up two more hooks with a straight right to the chops and the undefeated 23-year-old was down again.

"The first knockdown, I went down because I was hurt and idn't know what else to do, so I decided to take the count," he recalls. "But the second time, I didn't have a chance to think about what I should do. I was hurt and in trouble and if the round was much longer, I'm not sure what would've happened."

Fortunately for him, Darrell was still standing when the bell ended the third round. He proved he could come back from the brink of disaster by regaining control of the fight in rounds four through seven. He put Estrada down twice more in the seventh, the second time just before the bell. Pedro's handlers decided their fighter had taken enough.

"I knew when Troy came back the way he did that I had a fighter on my hands," says Allen. "We sent him home to Bermuda for three weeks to let the cut heal. Then, we got him back in the gym with his trainers, (former world champ) Emile Griffith and Bernard Forbes.

"Look, we're not fooling ourselves. We know Troy can bang with anyone in the division. We're working on tightening up his defense and polishing his skills some more before we start matching him with contenders. We've had offers from CBS and ESPN because Troy is a perfect TV fighter. Big puncher, all-action. But, now we know how big his heart is. We know that if we handle him right, we've got a future world champion. We're not going to rush him just to make some money."

Darrell, who stands 5'10" tall, compiled a 46-4 amateur record in his native Bermuda, where he met manager Dan Pisani. Pisani liked what he saw and brought Troy to New York in 1981. The fighter says he has definitely benefited from the experience.

The only nagging question mark from the Estrada fight is Troy's ability to slip punches. Allen tries to keep the situation in its proper perspective.

"Troy showed us against Estrada that he couldn't fight his way out of the corners when he got trapped. He can slip punches, but he goes back to brawling when he gets hit. I have no doubt he could go fifteen rounds tomorrow. I just don't think he has the craftiness yet."

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF TROY DARRELL

New Rochelle, NY Junior Middleweight
Born: October x, 1961, in Bermuda
Height: 5'10" Amateur record: 46-4
Managed by: Dan Pisani and Eddie Allen
Trained by: Bernard Forbes and Emile Griffith

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1981		
Sept. 16	Al Garcia	Syracuse, NY	KO 2
Oct. 1	Jose (Duran) Martinez	Atlantic City	W 4
Oct. 9	Brian Harrison	White Plains, NY	KO 2
Nov. 19	Rocky Molina	Atlantic City	KO 4
	1982		
Apr. 26	Rick Holden	Queens, NY	KO 4
May 28	Michael Grant	New York	KO 3
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Oct. 22	Larry Lipscomb	New York	KO 1
	1983		
Aug. 18	Sammy Valencia	New York	KO 1
Nov. 5	Ron Thermidor	New York	KO 2
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	1984		
July 12	Jesus Munoz	New York	KO 2
Aug. 23	Dennis Fain	New York	KO 3
Oct. 4	Pedro Estrada	New York	KO 7

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___ 2412 - Professional 12oz. training glove	112.00/pr	84.00
___ 2414 - Professional 14oz. training glove	116.00/pr	87.00
___ 2416 - Professional 16oz. training glove	120.00/pr	90.00
SKIP ROPES:	List	KO Price
___ 4496 - Ball bearing leather skip rope 8ft. (for boxers up to 5' 10")	$12.00	$9.00
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WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Larry Holmes KO12 James Smith
(Retained IBF Title)
Gerry Cooney KO4 Phil Brown
Buster Douglas W10 Tex Cobb
Tex Cobb W10 Mark Lee
Mike Weaver Wdis.1 Tony Anthony
Tony Tubbs KO7 Jerry Williams
Carl Williams W10 Quick Tillis
Ricky Parkey W10 Renaldo Snipes
Marvis Frazier W10 Bernard Benton
Marvis Frazier KO1 Dave Starkey
Lee Canalito KO1 Mike Cowan
Robert Hill D8 Kip Kane
Tony Tucker KO1 O.T. Davis

CRUISERWEIGHTS

Leroy Murphy KO14 Marvin Camel
(Won IBF Title)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Marvin Johnson W10 Charles Williams
Alex Blanchard KO4 Manfred Jassman
(Retained European Title)
David Sears W10 Billy Saunders
Bobby Czyz W10 Marvin Mack
David Harris W10 Willie Taylor
Steve Traitz KO4 Maurice Moore
Nasir Ali KO3 Pat Frazier
Freddy Guzman KO2 Tony Oville

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Marvin Hagler KO3 Mustafa Hamsho
(Retained World Title)
Doug DeWitt KO1 Jimmie Sykes
(Retained ESPN Title)
Jorge Amparo D10 James Kinchen
Curtis Parker W10 Bill Robertson
Jose Seys KO1 Errol Cristie
Herol Graham KO6 Jose Seys
Herol Graham KO2 Irvin Hines
Mike Tinley W10 Robbie Sims
Tony Thornton KO2 Pinky Gordon
Mark Holmes W10 Odell Hadley
Charles Campell KO3 Lalo Capetillo
Dwight Davison W10 Ernest Rabotte

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT

Mike McCallum W15 Sean Mannion
(Won Vacant WBA Title)
Carlos Santos W15 Mark Medal
(Won IBF Title)
Troy Darrell KO7 Pedro Estrada
(Won Vacant New York State Title)
John Mugabi KO1 Nino Gonzalez
Buster Drayton KO1 Terry Holmes
Earl Hargrove KO3 Miguel Sepulveda
Francisco DeJesus W10 Ernest Jackson
Junie Nash KO2 Allen Braswell
Tony Ojoe KO4 Carl Riskus
Mike Picciotti KO7 Joe Bradford
Phil Sawyer KO3 Sam Leonard
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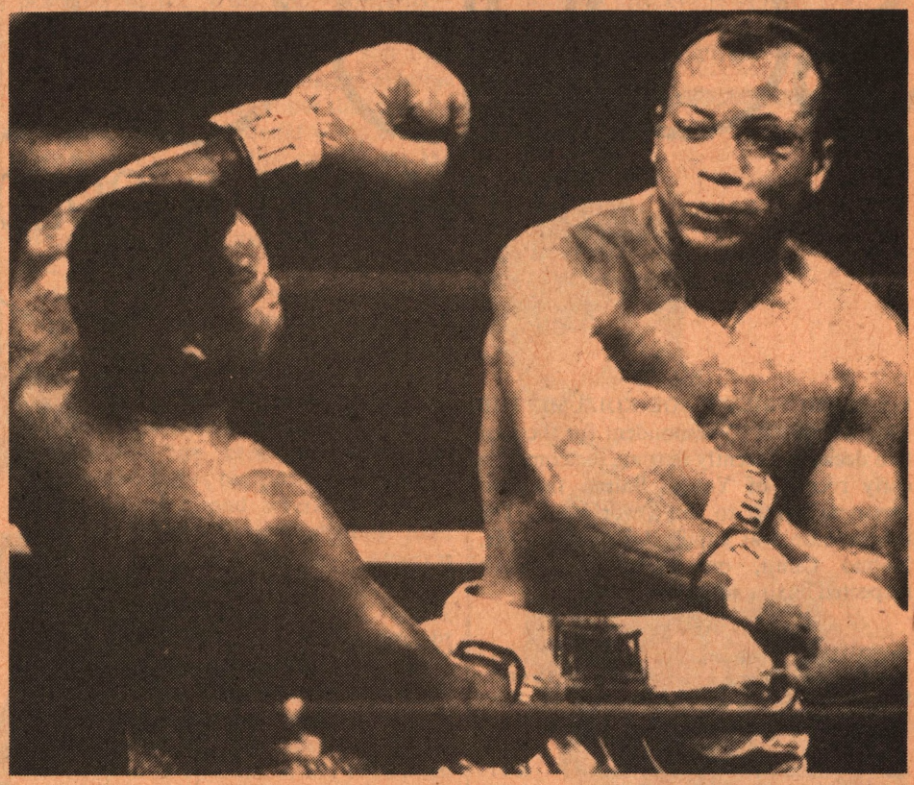


Take that! Bonecrusher Smith jars Larry Holmes with a right to the head during their thrilling encounter, won by Holmes on a TKO in the 12th round.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Johnny Bumphus W10 Martin Rojas
Luis Santana KO4 Dennis Horne
Glenn Wolfe KO5 Sylvester White
Whawn O'Sullivan W6 Vint Hammock

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Bill Costello W12 Saoul Mamby
(Retained WBC Title)
Lonnie Smith W12 Frank Montgomery
(Won Vacant ESPN Title)
Joe Manley KO7 Charles Allen
Greg Edelman W12 Cesar Guzman
(Won Vacant N.J. State Title)
Mitchel Julien W10 Chuck Peralta
Brett Summers W10 Eduardo Valdez

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Jose Luis Ramirez KO4 Edwin Rosario
(Won WBC Title)
Livingstone Bramble W10 Edwin Curet
(non-title)
Cornelius Boza-Edwards KO2 Choo Choo Brown
Terrance Alli W10 Victor Babilonia
Ruben Munoz D10 Reggie Robinson
Frankie Baltazar KO2 Andres Felix
Adolfo Medal W10 Bobby Johnson
Frankie Randall W10 Ezzard Charles Adams

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Yu Hwann-Kil KO6 Ska Galaxy
(Retained IBF Title)
Tomas daCruz KO5 Anthony English
Alberto Ramos KO4 Richard Ismael

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Pat Cowdell KO5 Roberto Castanon
(Won European Title)
Barry McGuigan KO2 Felipe Orozco
Lupe Suarez W10 Oscar Bejines
Rocky Garcia D10 Tommy Cordova

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Juan (Kid) Meza KO1 Jiame Garza
(Won WBC Title)
Oscar Muniz W12 Johnny Carter
(Won Vacant USBA Title)

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Greg Richardson W12 Harold Petty
(Won NABF Title)
Bryan Jones W8 James Tolliver

FLYWEIGHTS

Sot Chilalada W12 Gabriel Bernal
(Won WBC Title)
Steve McCrory KO4 Jeff Hanna

SOLID GOLD MAN

BY HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

MY GOOD FRIEND, JOE KOIZUMI, THE Ring's Oriental correspondent for the past two decades, recently sent me the complete early record of Yoshio Shirai, the first Japanese fighter to win a world title. The information was supplied to him by Mr. Nobuo Gunji, one of Japan's most respected boxing journalists.

	1943		
Nov. 26	Jumpo Umiyama	Tokyo	KO 1
Dec. 10	Saichi Kubota	Tokyo	KO 1
Dec. 23	Tomisaburo Oura	Tokyo	W 4
	1944		
Jan. 20	Masao Ito	Tokyo	KO 1
Feb. 6	Makoto Yamada	Tokyo	KO 1
Feb. 10	Shigeo Tanaka	Tokyo	W 4
Mar. 5	Sadasuke Aoki	Tokyo	W 4
Mar. 28	Sakae Suzuki	Tokyo	KO 1
	1945		
	(Inactive)		
	1946		
Dec. 14	Noboru Kushida	Tokyo	KO by 5
	1947		
June 27	Kazumi Ueda	Tokyo	W 6
July 6	Toshimitsu Kushihashi	Tokyo	W 6
July 18	Yoichiro Hanada	Tokyo	L 8
Sept. 11	Eijiro Yajima	Tokyo	L 8
Dec. 25	Michijoshi Koizumi	Tokyo	KO 2

The above information was not readily available, since the Japanese Boxing Commission was not established until 1952, when Shirai won the world flyweight title by defeating Dado Marino in Tokyo.

Boxing in the Orient initially developed in the Philippines, which passed to the United States from Spain in 1898. The first great fighter developed in Asia was Francisco Guilledo, who used "Pancho Villa" (after the famous Mexican bandit) as a ring name. Guilledo started boxing as a pro in 1919, winning various semi-official Oriental titles and defeating such standouts as Mike Ballerino, Kid Moro, Cowboy Reyes, Georgie Lee, and Pete Sarmiento over the next three years. Brought to the U.S. in '22, Francisco won the American flyweight crown by knocking out Johnny Buff, retained it against Abe Goldstein and Terry Martin, and lost it to Olympic hero Frankie Genaro on March 1, 1923.

When negotiations for a Jimmy Wilde-Frankie Genaro world title bout fell through, a Wilde-"Pancho Villa" title tiff was signed for June 18. "The Mighty Atom," as Wilde was called, had been inactive for two years, and Villa knocked him out in round seven of their scheduled 15 in New York's Polo Grounds.

Japan entered the fistic world in the 1920s, and there are lists of Japanese national champions from that period. Japanese titles at this stage, however, were not passed from one champ to the next; they were won in national "tournaments" comparable to modern amateur tourneys, with the winner in each weight class crowned as national "champion." After World War II, boxing in Japan developed rapidly, and the Japanese Boxing Commission is now a highly efficient organization.

The past decade has seen the rise of South Korea as a major boxing power. Lists of Korean national champs go back to 1946, but it was not until that country had recovered from the Korean War of 1950-53

Pancho Villa

THE RING ARCHIVES

Fighting Harada

that pro boxing became firmly established. The first Korean world champion was Ki-Soo Kim, who won the junior middleweight title by outpointing Nino Benvenuti on June 25, 1966 in Seoul—the first world title bout ever held in Korea. Benvenuti had outscored Kim in the 1960 Olympics, held in Rome.

Korea's present prominence in boxing can be traced to 1974, when Soo-Hwan Hong won the world bantamweight title from Arnold Taylor in South Africa. The country went completely "boxing mad," and outstanding fighters in the lighter weight classifications were developed rapidly. Jae-Do Yuh won the world junior middleweight title in 1975, Dong-Kyun won the WBC junior featherweight crown in 1976, Sang-Hyun Kim won the WBC junior welter diadem in 1978, and a succession of Koreans quickly gained mastery in the flyweight and junior flyweight classes. The current WBC junior flyweight champion, Jung-Koo Chang, is aptly nicknamed the "Korean Hawk." Chang, whose only loss has been to Hilario Zapata (a very disputed decision, since reversed via the kayo route), is the greatest fighter in Korean history. Korean boxers hold most of the Oriental titles, and hold prominent positions in the WBC and—especially—WBA rankings.

"International style" boxing still runs second to *Muay Thai* (traditional Siamese kick-boxing) in Thailand, but that country still produces an occasional world champ. Chartchai Chionoi, who twice held the flyweight title during 1966-1970, was a favorite of the king, and Saensak Muangsurin (real name Boonsong Mansri) had a healthy reign as WBC junior welterweight champion in the late 1970s. Payao Poontarat was the most recent Thai world champ. He held the WBC junior bantamweight crown until outpointed by WBA champ Jiro Watanabe in a title unification bout a few months ago.

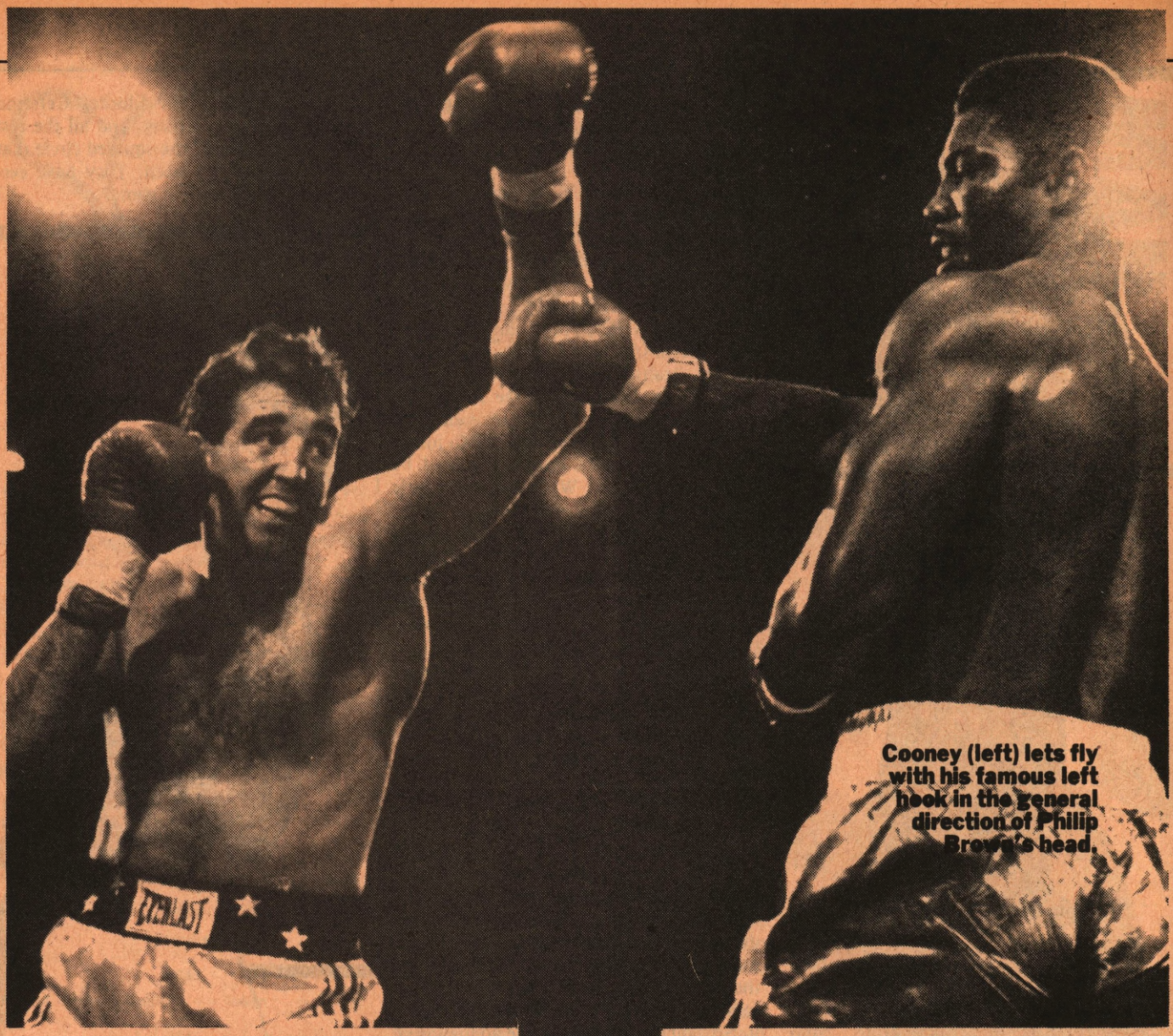
Indonesia has produced no world champs as of now, but pro boxing there is on the upswing, and several top world contenders and Oriental champs have recently appeared. Thomas Americo became the first Indonesian to fight for a world crown when he faced Saoul Mamby for the latter's WBC junior welterweight title in Jakarta on August 29, 1981, and, from every indication, Indonesian boxers will be heard from in the future.

The Oriental Boxing Federation (OBF) was established on October 27, 1954 when commissioners from Japan, Thailand, and the Philippines met. The OBF was formed due to the growing popularity of boxing in those countries and the fact that several Oriental champions had been crowned during the preceding two years. In the years that followed, other Asian countries joined the OBF, the name of which was changed to the Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation in November, 1977 due to the admission of Australia. The present membership includes Japan, Korea, Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Taiwan, Guam, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, and Australia.

The Japanese Boxing Commission does not recognize the International Boxing Federation (IBF), although a few IBF title bouts have been held in Nippon. (The cards in question were not sanctioned by the JBC.) The Korean Commission has been more receptive to the IBF, and most IBF championship fights in the lighter weight classes have been held in that country. This has led to controversy, as witnessed in the recent fight involving Alberto Castro, and several top Asian fistic experts have claimed that many of the IBF champions and challengers for vacant crowns are actually inferior as fighters to the OPBF champs.

At any rate, the Orient has become one of boxing's most important areas. A final salute to Fighting Harada, Chan-Hee Park, Jiro Watanabe, Flash Elorde, Ceferino Garcia, Jung-Koo Chang, and all the rest of the great men of the squared circle that the Orient has produced. They have certainly enriched the fight game. □

Flash Elorde



Cooney (left) lets fly with his famous left hook in the general direction of Philip Brown's head.

Cooney on the attack.

Victor Valle pours water over Cooney's head during rest period, while manager Dennis Rappaport gives Gerry a little breathing room.

FINALLY!

Gerry Cooney Blows Away Philip Brown in Long Awaited Comeback

BY LEWIS FREEDMAN

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA—when Gerry Cooney first met the deceased bear on display in a glass case in the department store a few blocks from his hotel, he wanted to fight it.

But after rolling his shoulders, flicking a few jabs its way and pondering a few left hooks, Cooney noticed the length of the claws on the 1,200-pound animal. How long were they? Put it this way, Cooney had never seen fingernails like that.

In any case, Cooney decided then and there he was probably better off fighting Philip Brown than Brown Bear, and he was right. Brown, the human, didn't have claws anything remotely like the bear's. Nor did he have any other weapons that could give Cooney any problems.

The Alaskan fans fell in love with Cooney and gave him a great welcome when he entered the arena.

The net result of the 6-foot, 7-inch Huntington, N.Y. heavyweight's sojourn to this frontier city 4,800 miles from home, was a fourth round technical knockout, the resurrection of a career in limbo, and the regeneration of the suggestion that anything walking on two legs that weighs less than, say 300 pounds, would be vulnerable to that ever-popular left hook.

It was billed as "The Return of Gerry Cooney" and the scheduled 10-rund bout at the Sullivan Arena, which attracted 6,500 fans paying $15 to $200, assured both the curious and the faithful that yes, indeed, there still is a Gerry Cooney prowling the heavyweight division after a vacation of 27 months.

What the fans in the audience and the fans watching on national television saw was a little bit of the old Gerry Cooney and a little bit of a new Gerry Cooney.

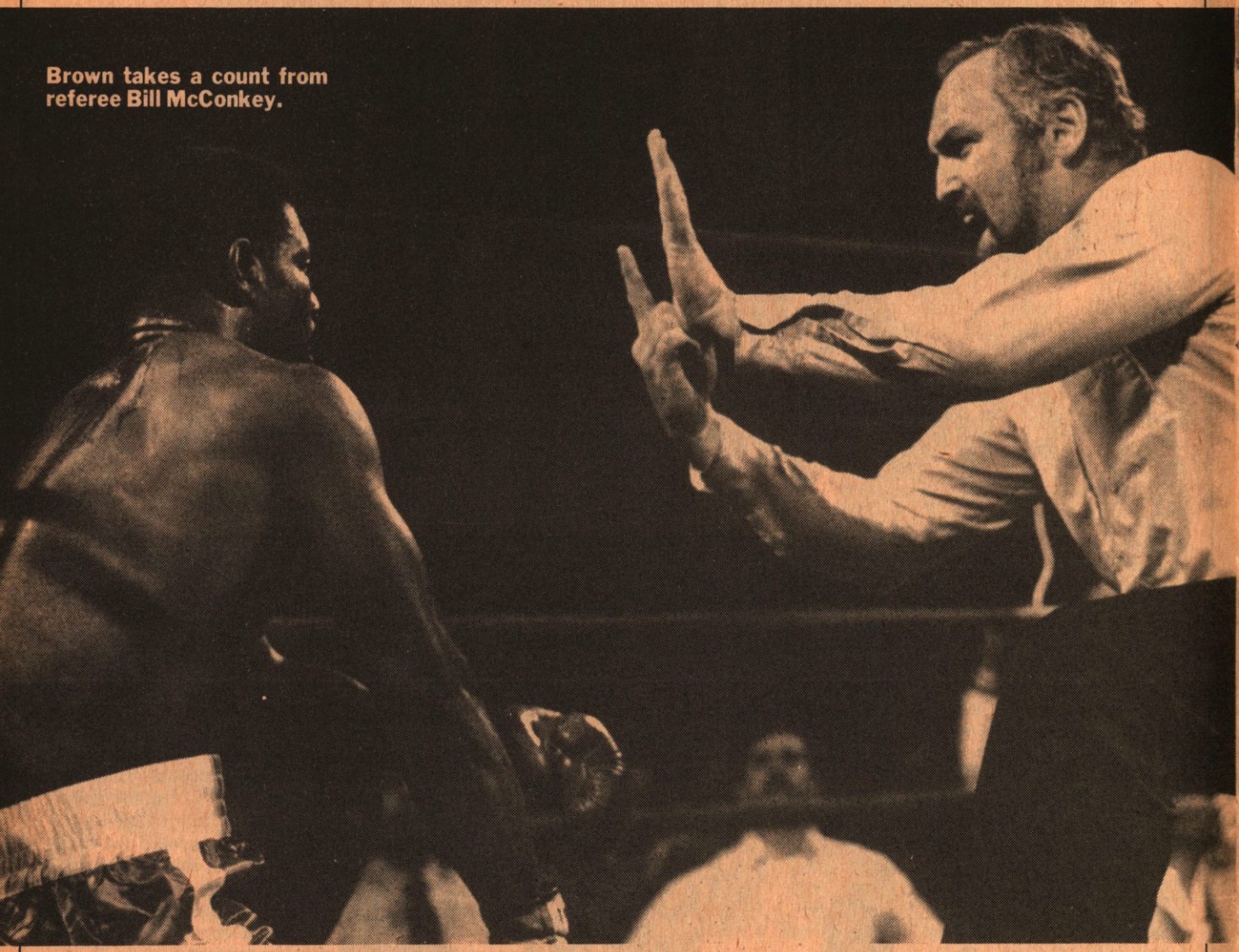
The old Cooney was the steady stalker of the hapless Brown, a New Orleans-based boxer who came into the fight with a 22-0-2 record and dreaming of his big chance. When Cooney's first of many clean, hard shots to the body connected, Brown winced and retreated. He never stopped retreating and through the first three rounds, as Cooney jolted him with good, hard jabs, seemed to be suffering from a paralysis brought on by stagefright. It was not true that you could hear Brown's knees knocking in the balcony, but something threw up a psychic block that prevented him from throwing punches.

The knockost round—it ended at 2:37 of the fourth when Anchorage referee Bill McConkey invoked the three-knockdown rule—was vintage Cooney. Brown, 29, was down twice from left hooks and once from a combination of lefts and a hard, clean right. Brown became Cooney's 23rd knockout victim on his 26-1 slate, blemished only by Cooney's June 11, 1982 World Boxing Council title fight loss to Larry Holmes in Las Vegas.

The new side of Cooney was the image his handlers, particularly co-manager Dennis Rappaport, cultivated. Meet the answer to the Dallas Cowboys: America's Fighter. Decked out in red, white and blue—shorts and robe—Cooney was cheered on by fans waving 4,000 miniature American flags they found on their seats, courtesy of co-promoters Tiffany Promotions of New York and S Productions of Eugene, Ore. Olympic Fever. Catch it.

"We wore green for quite a while," said Rappaport. "It was time for a change."

"We're not trying to create an image," said Cooney, "I'm glad I'm American." Cooney, who weighed 230 pounds, five



Brown takes a count from referee Bill McConkey.

more than he did against Holmes, gave evidence that whatever has troubled him over the last two-plus years—depression, hand and shoulder injuries, or whatever—may be consigned to the past. He admitted that his timing was off somewhat, but he said he was also worried about how he would be perceived. He said he wanted to look good for the fans who stayed with him.

"I felt some pressure," said Cooney. "I was concerned with how I was going to look. I broke the ice. The rust will come off. I'll be better than I ever was before."

That is, indeed, the idea. For a guy who was never a champion and who hasn't even been rated in what seems like centuries, there were an awfully lot of eyes turned in his direction.

The sub-plots of a Cooney comeback, of course, give texture to the story. It's not just the tale of a once promising—formerly No. 1 rated—fighter battling back from injuries, by any means.

The entire heavyweight division, a motley collection of those who've experienced fleeting fame and success like Tim Witherspoon, never-weres like Greg Page, and a trio of champions—Holmes, Gerrie Coetzee, and Pinklon Thomas—each with something to recommend them and something to detract from their glitter, was most certainly tuned in.

Most of the lumbering herd could only wish Cooney well, since a healthy, active Cooney means wealthier paydays for them. Although in the case of Holmes, the ever-lurking shadow of the only Cooney defeat, it's not clear if dollars add up to sense, or not.

"There is the potential to wake up boxing," said New York promoter Bob Arum, "which is in a frightful state. Boxing is in the worst shape it's been in in 10 years. There's no big attraction. Gates are way, way off. TV ratings are off. Usually, the heavyweight division carries boxing, but it's a disaster."

"The heavyweight division needs a Cooney," said Angelo Dundee, the trainer of Thomas. "Look at the impact Cooney and Holmes had on the world. He's such a saleable commodity."

Cooney and Holmes each allegedly made $8 million to $10 million for their 1982 fight. There's no question that the continuation of the kind of success Cooney had against Brown would lead to an inevitable clamoring for a rematch.

There is question about whether or not it would ever take place.

In an interview from his business office in Easton, Pa., just before the Cooney-Brown bout, Homes said no chance.

"I will never fight him again," said Holmes, the International Boxing Federation champ. "He will not get the opportunity. I whipped his ass and he's got to live with it. I beat him and now he's got

to live with that."

When he heard of those remarks, Cooney said, "He's such an ignorant man."

Those two guys obviously still like each other just as much as they always did.

Cooney's immediate plans don't include Holmes, anyway. There is agreement in his camp that he needs more work above all. After all, prior to the Brown fight Cooney had had only 19 rounds of live combat in the Eighties and the victory was his first in 40 months.

Cooney said he wants to fight at least once more in 1984 and Rappaport said it will be against someone of Brown's ilk. Next, perhaps in February, would come a bout against a top 10 foe, a Witherspoon or a Michael Dokes, the ex-World Boxing Association title-holder, before making a run for one of the titles.

As Cooney put it there are a lot of belts out there.

If there is agreement on the way to proceed, there is definitely disagreement over something in Cooneyland. Co-manager Mike Jones did not work his fighter's corner versus Brown. Instead, he watched from press row. Although reluctant to go into detail, he admitted there was something amiss between him and Cooney. Could it be that Jones wants trainer Victor Valle, who is like a father to Cooney, replaced? The only clue to that is that Valle no longer works with middleweight Wilford Scypion, who is solely managed by Jones. Cooney wasn't talking and Jones didn't want to rain on Gerry's parade after the nice win over Brown.

Cooney, who is now 28, is so popular that it would only take a few fights to position him for a title shot, and it doesn't take that much imagination to picture him beating a Coetzee or a Thomas. It should also be remembered that as great as Holmes' skills were, he will be 35½ years old by next summer.

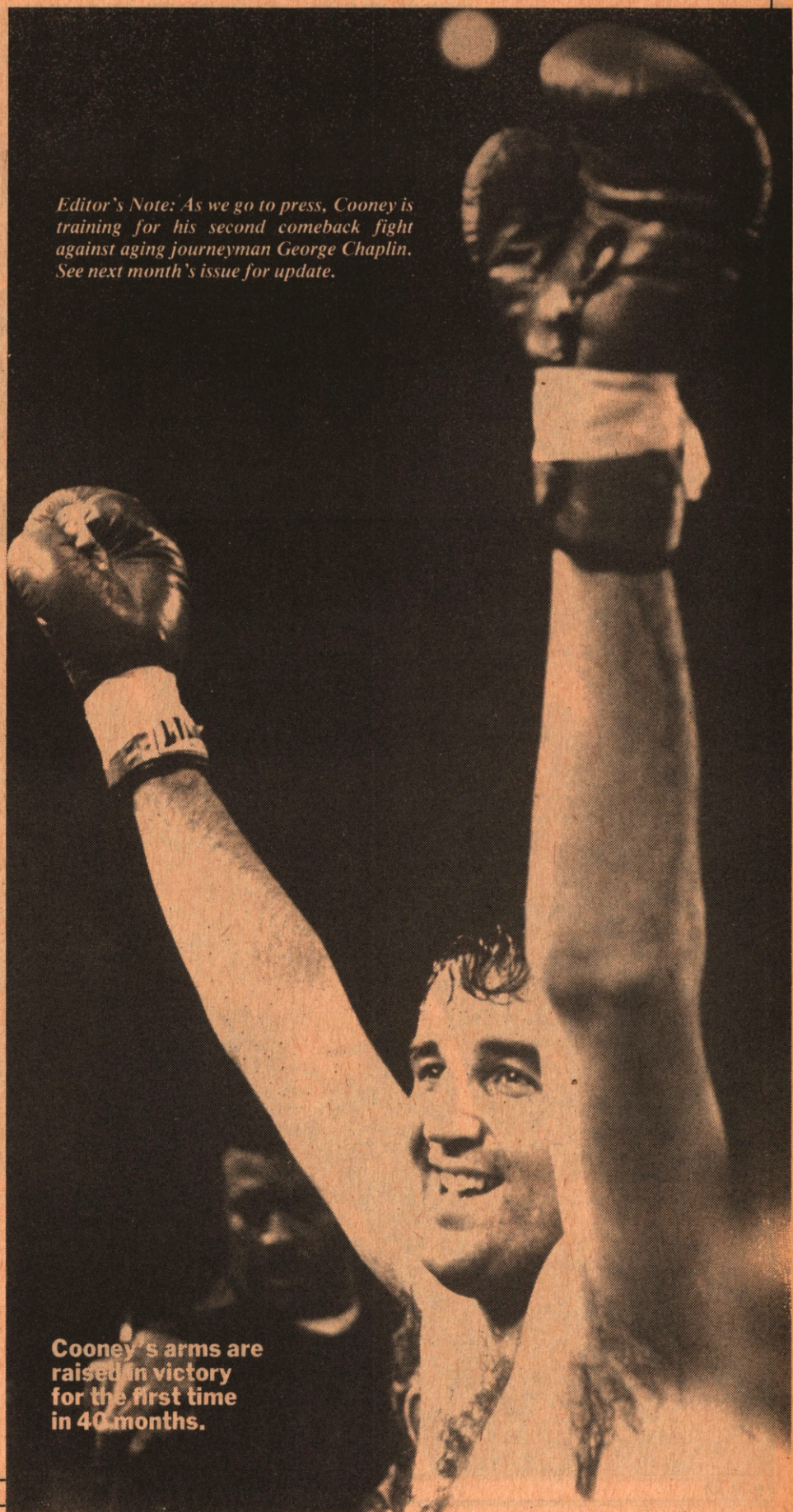
Cooney admits now that he wasn't properly prepared for the Holmes bout the first time. "I didn't have enough experience," he said.

But the route planned back to the top this time, particularly if it has more than one top 10 contender on it, might be that preparation.

And something else should be factored in, too. Cooney, in the minds of those who knew him before his layoff and those who saw him in the week prior to the Brown fight in Anchorage, seemed to have matured. He also senses it.

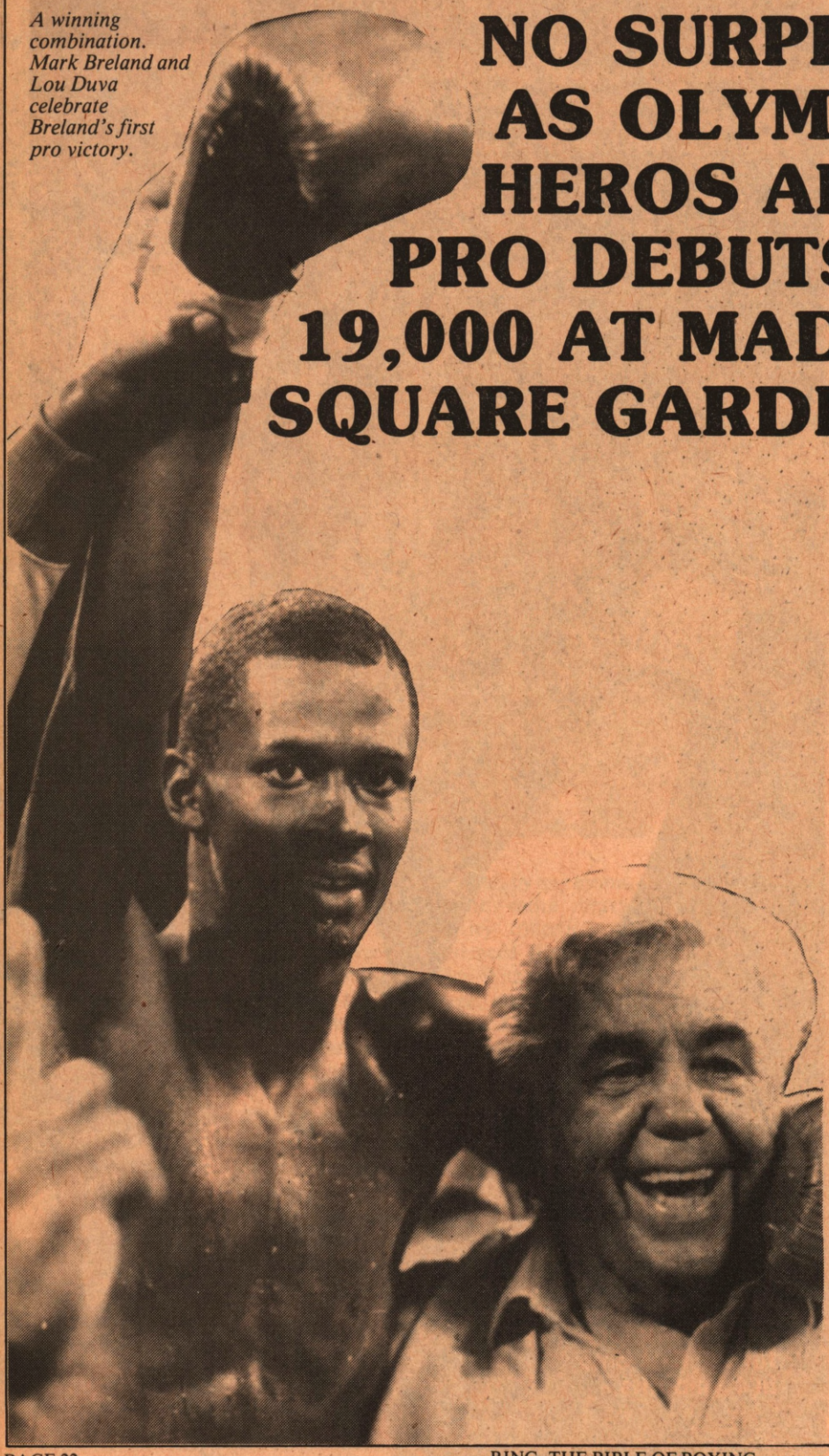
"I grew up a lot," said Cooney. "I've always felt that I wanted to win the title. Now, it's more of a drive. Right now, boxing's my first love." □

Editor's Note: As we go to press, Cooney is training for his second comeback fight against aging journeyman George Chaplin. See next month's issue for update.



Cooney's arms are raised in victory for the first time in 40 months.

THE NIGHT OF GOLD



A winning combination. Mark Breland and Lou Duva celebrate Breland's first pro victory.

NO SURPRISES AS OLYMPIC HEROS ALL WIN PRO DEBUTS BEFORE 19,000 AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

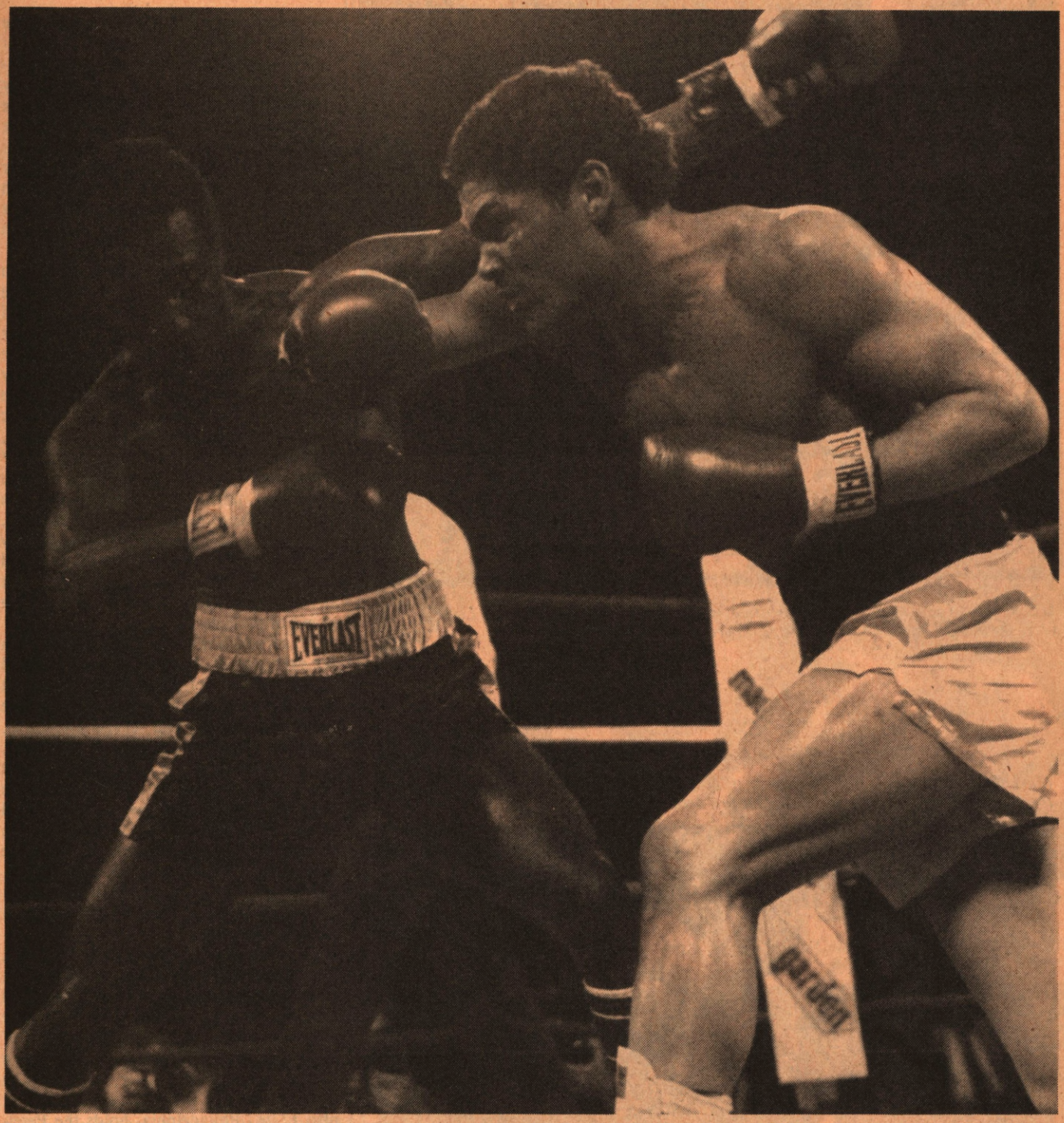
BY HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

NEW YORK, N.Y.—THE DAY OF THE Amateur is here!

On November 2, 1914, Jack Dempsey made what may have been his professional boxing debut against one Young Hancock on a card promoted by Jack Downing in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was paid the grand total of two dollars and fifty cents. Now, 60 years later, Olympic welterweight champion Mark Breland has made his pro debut against Dwight Williams of Syracuse in New York's Madison Square Garden for $60,000—while thousands of seasoned club fighters around the world are working at "day jobs" as ditch diggers, plumber's helpers, and the like.

This is not to belittle Mark Breland. Far from it. Mark is probably the world's top amateur boxer, and has already come to the attention of the moviemakers (e.g., The Lords of Discipline) and news media. It merely serves to show that boxing has become a bit like ice skating and other Olympic sports. In other words, becoming an Olympic star and then turning pro, in style with lots of $$$ and media exposure, is the way to go.

Mark, who looked sensational when paired against tough neighborhood kids in the New York Golden Gloves, looked far from awesome against Williams in the Garden. He won, by scores of 6-0 (Tony Castellano), 5-1 (Bernie Friedkin), and 4-2 (Harold Lederman), but the fact that the deceptively awkward looking Williams lasted the six-round distance—and actually

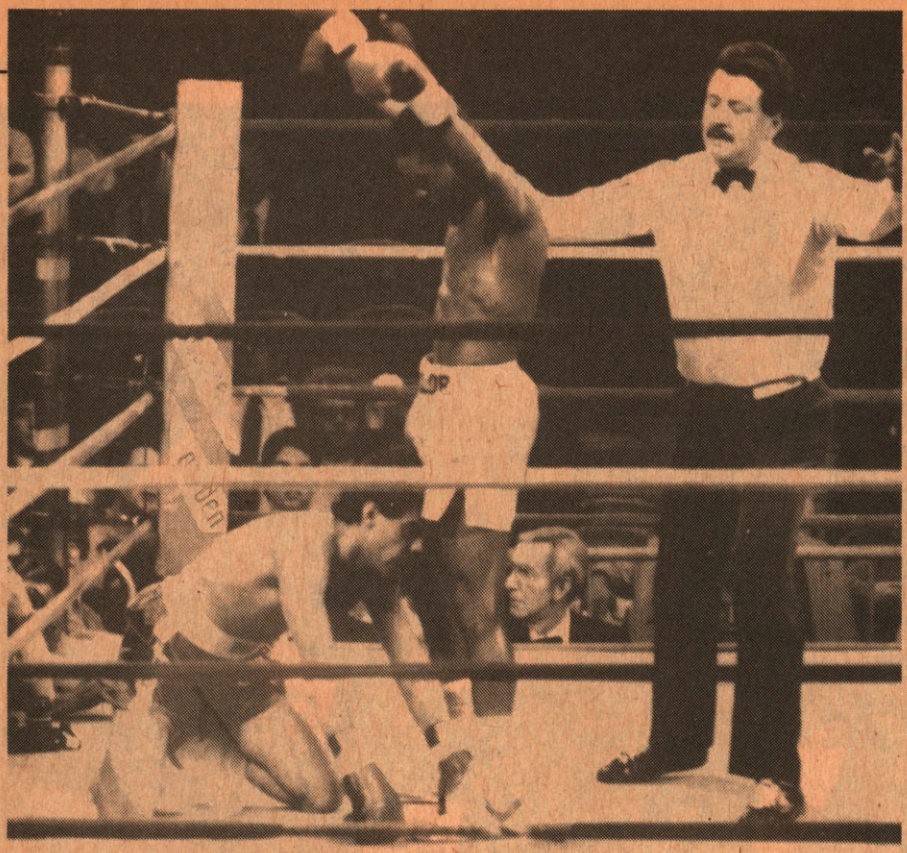


Virgil (Sugar) Hill (right) nails Arthur Wright with a right to the head on his way to a second round TKO. (Photo by Shelton Minor)

won two rounds (sessions one and three) on the card of one official—shocked a lot of people who thought Mark would breeze to his first pro world title.

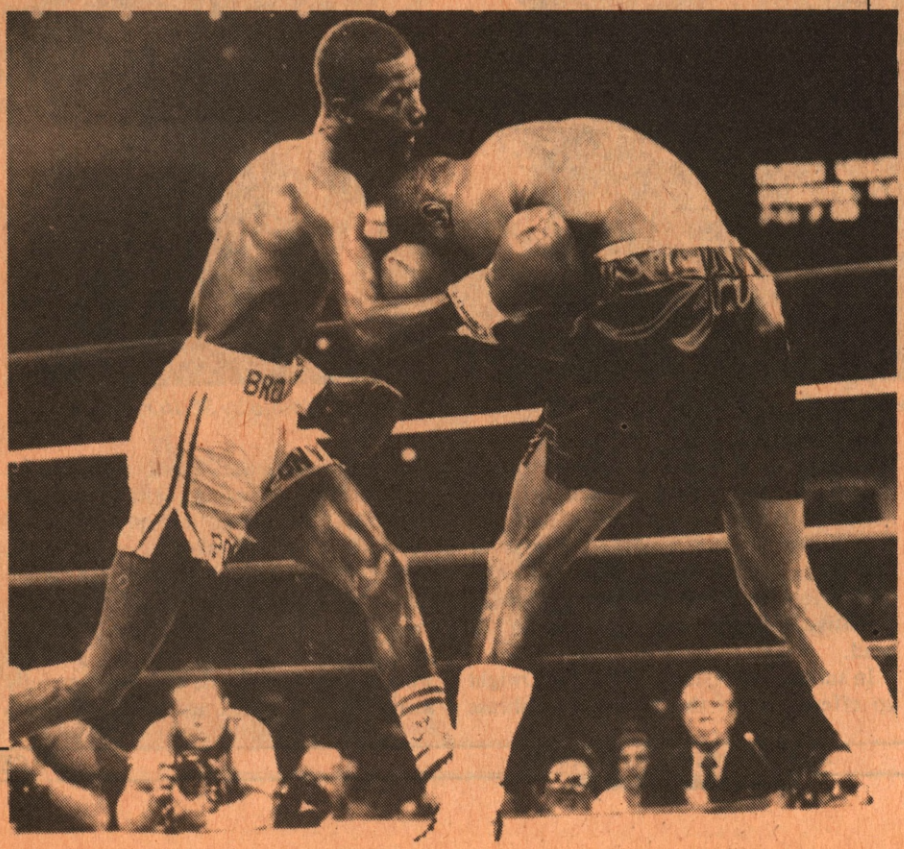
The sleek Breland claimed he wasn't more aggressive in the first few rounds because he "didn't want to mess up my hands." Mark did turn on the juice in the last two rounds, straightening Dwight up with uppercuts and working to the body. In all fairness, Williams did have trouble lasting those last two frames, and there was no doubt about the unanimous decision. *The Ring* scored it 5-1, giving Williams the first round, in which he came out like an express locomotive and had Breland on the defensive from sweeping punches to the head.

In subsequent rounds, Mark tied Dwight up effectively on the inside. The phrase "learning experience" has been a wee bit overworked in boxing writing and announcing, but this first pro bout of Breland's must be looked at in that light. Mark, hopefully, did learn a lot. The styles in the pros are somewhat different than they are in the amateurs. The six-round distance, incidentally, posed no problem whatsoever for Breland, who will hopefully assimilate what he learned against Williams



U.S. Olympic gold medal winner Meldrick Taylor stands over victim, Luke Lecce, after the second knockdown in the opening round of their scheduled six.

Mark Breland delivers a right to the side of Dwight Williams. Mark was forced to go the six round distance before winning his pro debut on points.



and go on to be the great pro he has the ability to be.

Meldrick Taylor, the 1984 Olympic 125-pound king, made his pro debut by knocking down Luke Lecce, 134½, three times for an automatic TKO at 2:31 of the first round in their scheduled six. "I'm not upset that the fight was so short," he later said. "I've always been a big believer in body punching. It looks like I proved it tonight." Poor Lecce, now 14-3-1 with eight kayoes, never had a chance.

The evening's real winners were Lou Duva and Shelley Finkel, who own the contracts of Breland, Taylor, and three of the four other Olympic stars making their pro bows on the card. No money was made on the live gate, since the tickets—over 19,000 of them—were given away by the New York *Daily News* and the Olympic stars themselves. Not that Lou Duva's son, Dan (the promoter) has to worry. ABC TV paid him a whopping sum for the live television rights, which, even after you subtract the money paid to Breland, Taylor, et. al., leaves the Duvas with a tidy profit. Score a major victory for Lou and Dan. They outbid Arum, King, and the rest of boxing to land boxing's creme de la creme of the future.

All of which makes one inclined to arch his eyebrows at the treatment given Virgil (Sugar) Hill, the only Olympic medalist not already signed to Duva to appear on the card at the Garden. Hill, 171, Grand Forks, N.D., who had Mercer Smith in his corner, was only scheduled for four rounds against Arthur Wright; all the other bouts were scheduled for six. As it was, Hill TKO'd Wright, 170½, Brooklyn, at 2:05 of the second, referee Joe Santarpia stopping the bout after Wright was on Queer Blvd. following a knockdown. This bout was put on first—the worst spot on any program since the days of vaudeville.

Evander Holyfield, 177½, Atlanta, Georgia, the man who had to settle for a bronze medal when a referee disqualified him for "hitting on the break" after he knocked out his opponent, Kevin Barry of New Zealand, with a left hook, won a unanimous decision over Lionel (The Bomber) Byarm, in his pro debut. Byarm, also 177½, Philadelphia, holds the Pennsylvania State light heavyweight pro title, and was, arguably, the only real 10-round fighter on the Garden program. He caught many of Evander's punches on his arms and gloves, and even won two rounds on judge Castellano's card. (Friedkin scored it 6-0 and Lederman carded 5-1.) Byarm's loss dropped him to 9-2-2 with four kayoes. Vinnie Rainone refereed both this bout and the one with Breland.

"I hit him with everything to the chin

and to the head, but he just kept on coming," Holyfield said. "I'm not disappointed that it went the distance. He's a veteran with a lot of experience."

(The Duva's p.r. people, it must be stressed, kept the press supplied with quotes from all the winning debutants after each bout. They did not supply any material of that nature on Virgin Hill.)

Pernell Whitaker, 134½, Norfolk, Va., the Olympic lightweight Gold Medal winner, looked good in punching the hell out of game but totally outclassed Farrain (The Rock) Comeaux, a face first club fighter who had run up a 10-0 (six kayoes) record against stiffs in Texas. Pernell easily avoided Farrain's wild swings and rushes, connecting—full force—with virtually every punch he threw. Referee Santarpia finally showed mercy on the too-courageous-for-his-own-good Comeaux at 2:50 of round two.

Tyrell Biggs, the Olympic heavyweight champion, was not overly impressive against "Mighty" Mike Evans, 225, Los Angeles. The 6'5" Biggs won, 6-0, on all three cards, but could not penetrate Evans, who fought out of a shell, attempting to counter, throughout the entire bout. Luis Rivera, who also worked the Taylor contest, refereed.

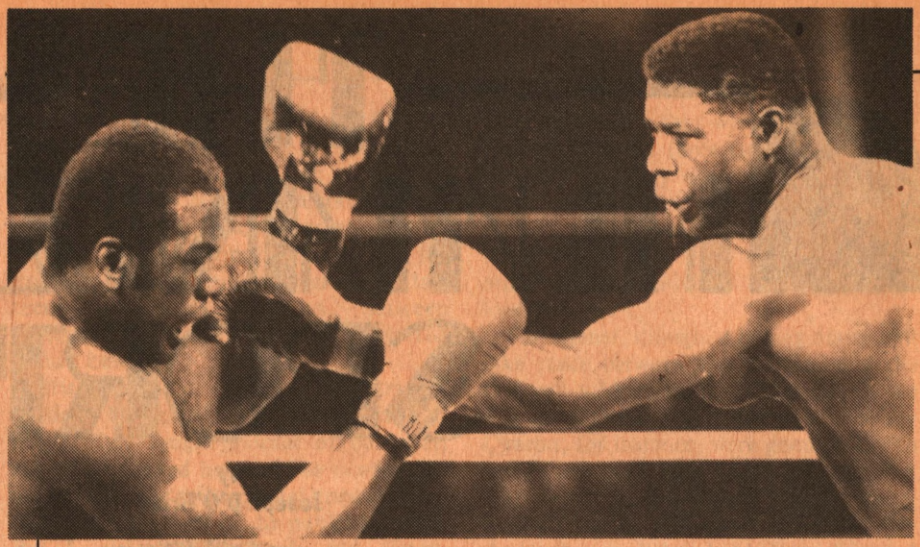
A scheduled six (or four) round emergency bout between Rodney Bowen, 148, Brooklyn, and James Lucas, 147, Brockton, Mass., was not put on. This was only slated in case Breland's fight with Williams failed to last more than a couple of rounds—something ABC, the Duvas, Finkel, et. al., certainly anticipated.

But it did. Mark, welcome to the pros.

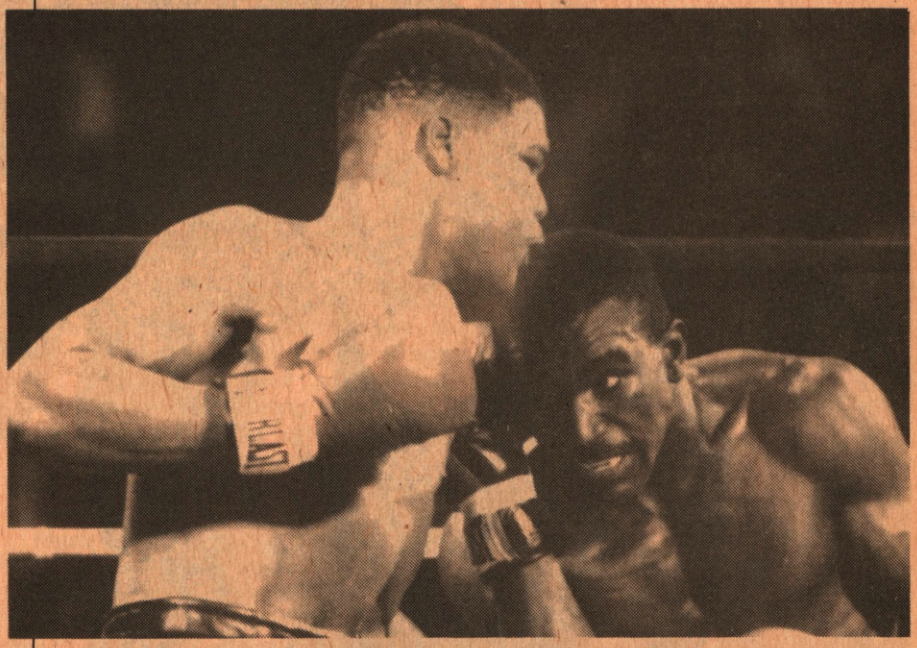
Are all these Olympians—not to mention several others, like Frank Tate, Andy Minsker, Steve McCrory, and Mike Tyson (none of which were signed up by the Duvas), worth the money bid by Goody & Pat Petronelli, Josephine Ambercrombie, Arum, Kronk Gym, and the like? That remains to be seen. Hopefully, Mark Breland will be the new Sugar Ray Leonard, and give boxing the shot in the arm it so desperately needs at the present time.

It is to the amateurs that boxing now looks for its champions. Gone are the days when shoestring managers like Leo P. Flynn could have 30 or more solid 10-round fighters under contract and live off their modest purses. This is a new era, with well-heeled managers like Finkel and Jim Jacobs shelling out tons of money for top amateur talent and then biding their time until the megabucks roll in.

All things change, including boxing. It isn't 1920 anymore. □

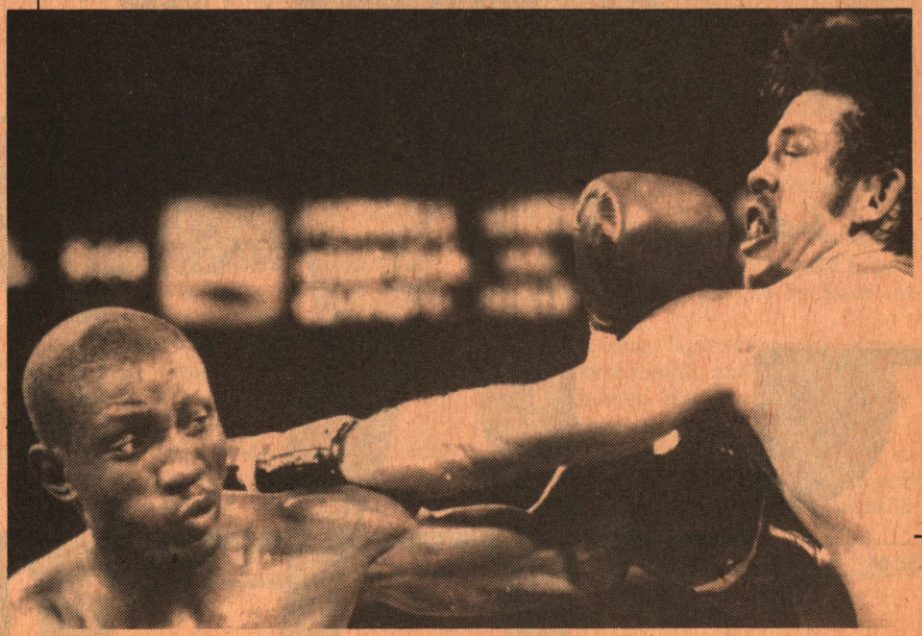


Tyrell Biggs (right) shows opponent Mike Evans the jab that carried him to a gold medal in the 1984 Olympics.



Evander Holyfield (right) covers up as Lionel Byram goes on the attack.

Lightweight Ternell Whitaker (left) bends Farrain Comeaux's face with a left on his way to a second round stoppage.



THE HUMANIZING SPORT

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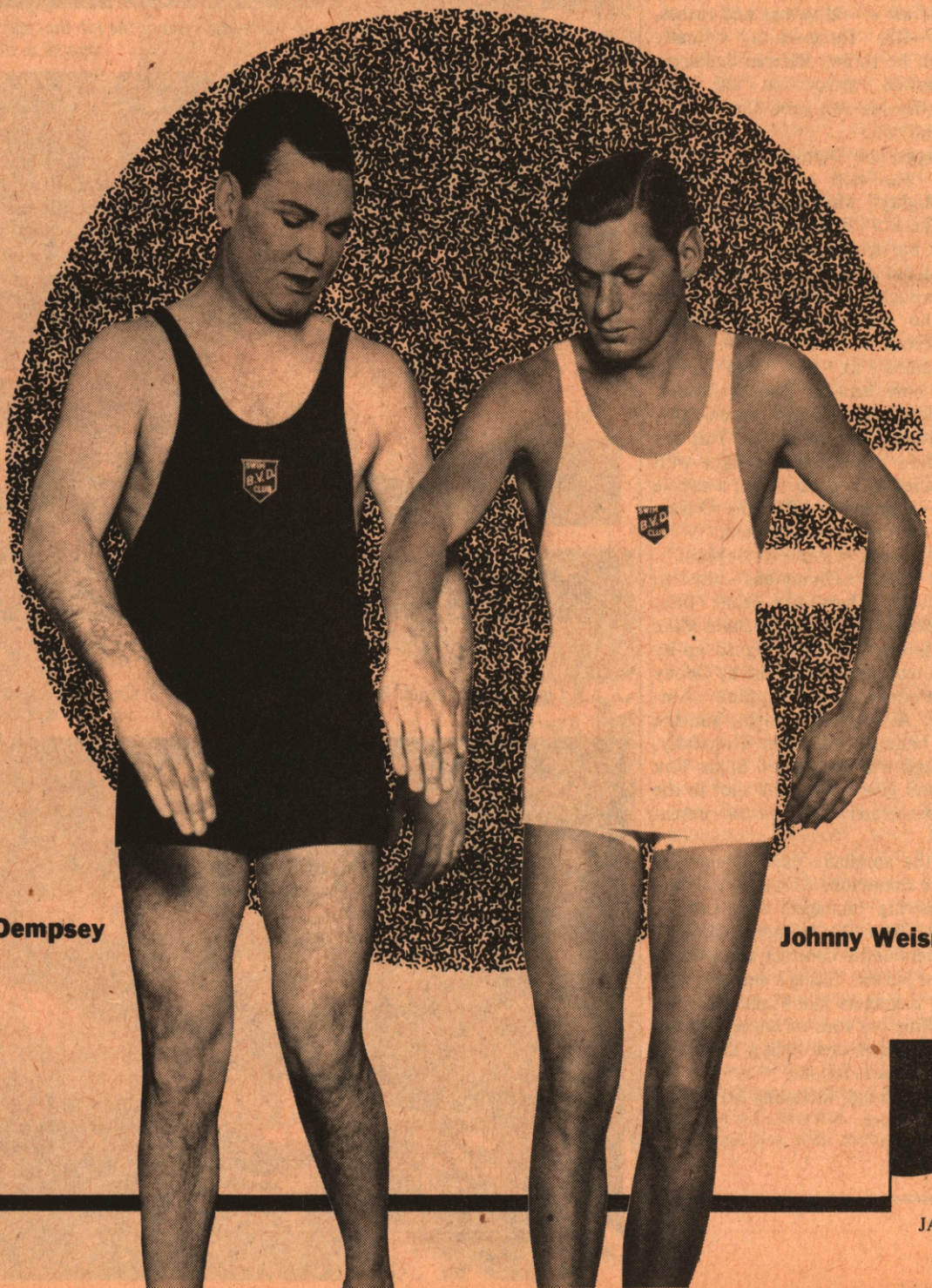

Jack Dempsey

Johnny Weismiller

I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO criticize me for liking boxing, on the grounds that it's a "dehumanizing" sport. These people tend to use the words "violent" and "dehumanizing" almost as synonyms, which I think is a mistake. Boxing is violent, certainly. But dehumanizing?

One of the main points in the "boxing is dehumanizing" thesis is the famous misconception that the two guys in the ring are fighting each other out of some personal dislike, and that the sport therefore encourages animosity between man and his fellow man.

Okay, boxing encourages competition. But it no more encourages animosity than does stock-brokerage, wine-making or cat-breeding.

By and large, a man competing against another man, in whatever field, does not hate his competitors—he just wants to win. Cat breeders are friendly with some cat breeders, and unfriendly with others. There are even some cat breeders who don't care one way or another about some other cat breeders.

PETER JACKSON.

Believe it or not, that's the way it is in boxing, too. Usually, a boxer doesn't know his opponent at all when he steps into the ring against him. Sometimes the two boxers know each other and are friends. Sometimes they are enemies. But this last is quite rare, certainly a lot rarer than some sob sisters would have us believe.

Quite often, the publicity boys will try to get the public to believe that two boxers have a personal grudge because, face it, it sells tickets. Many people are just unable to understand the difference between a *fight-*fight and a boxing match, and they figure it can't be worth seeing unless the two boxers are mortal enemies. The fact is, though, that two boxers can be great professional rivals, and fight some great battles, without being personal rivals. Take for example the competition, back in the late teens and early twenties, between welterweight champs Jack Britton and Ted "Kid" Lewis.

Britton's and Lewis' professional vendetta became almost a sport in and of itself: They fought a total of 20 times, always to packed houses. The newspapers made them out to be mortal enemies, and that was what most of the public believed. But Lewis' manager, wily old Jimmy Johnston, always insisted that the personal rivalry was never anything more than a fiction created to sell tickets.

"They liked each other fine outside the ring," he recalled in his later years. "It's just that they had each other's styles figured out so well that they could drive each other crazy when they fought."

This kind of manufactured enmity is so widespread, and so indiscriminate, that it just plain makes you sick sometimes. The media succeeded, three years ago, in turning Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns into two guys who hated each other like rat poison, when in fact they hardly knew each other and certainly had no personal quarrel. They played along to a certain extent, and the "feud" made money. Fortunately, they ended up making a damn good contest without really hating each other at all.

Much was made, too, of the Joe Louis-Max Schmeling rivalry in 1938. The assumption was that *of course* Louis hated Schmeling: Hadn't Schmeling whipped him? Wasn't Schmeling a dirty Nazi besides?

And, too, Schmeling must have hated Louis. Hadn't Louis kept him away from a well-deserved title shot? And wasn't Schmeling, as a card-carrying Nazi, bound to hate any member of an "inferior race"?

Well, once again, it sold tickets. In fact, there was no personal quarrel, at least not much of one. Louis wanted revenge in their second fight because Schmeling had kicked his butt the first time, not because Schmeling was a bad guy. Schmeling wanted to take Louis because it was a title shot he'd had coming for two years. He may indeed have been a Nazi (the press gloatingly published a picture of him lunching with Hitler), but he was a boxer first and last, and always respected Louis, whatever Hitler may have been saying about the "master race."

Oh, sure, these feuds happen for real sometimes. Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier, for example, genuinely detested each other when they were fighting. Their rivalry produced three classic bouts, and the fact that they were personal enemies might well have had something to do with that. It's quite possible that they each gave that little bit extra when they fought each other because neither of them wanted to lose *that* guy.

Far oftener, though, a boxing match will take place between two friends, and the two will seldom let friendship get in the way of business. Ray Mancini and Bobby Chacon, for instance, were good pals both before and after their brawl last year, but that didn't stop Mancini from cleaning Bobby's clock. Chacon's comment after the battle was, "I'm glad he's my friend; I hate to think what would've happened if he hadn't been!"

Then there was the matchup for the heavyweight title, in 1920, between Jack Dempsey and Billy Miske. Dempsey and Miske had fought several times when both were top contenders, and had struck up a friendship in the process (funny how that seems to happen). Now, Dempsey was the Champ. Miske was going downhill, and

Jack Britton

was sick and broke besides. Dempsey had nothing to gain by meeting Miske, and there were certainly worthier contenders than Miske around. But he wanted to give his old friend a payday, so he made the match.

It was a lousy fight. Dempsey stopped Miske in three rounds, and the show lost all kinds of money. But it got Miske out of hock, and he never forgot Dempsey for it.

Some people accuse Larry Holmes of being a little nasty from time to time, and from what I've seen of him, there might be

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something to that. But I'll never forget a fight I saw back in 1979, between him and Earnie Shavers.

It wasn't widely known at the time that Holmes and Shavers were buddies. The two lightweights mentioned above apparently saw no harm in using their friendship as a publicity gimmick (thinking about how it would look in a TV movie, no doubt); Holmes and Shavers, to their credit, felt that if they were friends, it was nobody else's business. And anybody who saw that Holmes-Shavers match will tell you that it sure didn't look like two pals duking it out.

It was a helluva war. Shavers had a nuke in each glove, and Holmes seemed to have razor blades in his. It took Holmes 11 rounds to cut Shavers down, and he had to get up off the floor twice to do it.

When it was over, when Holmes and Shavers had been brought before the TV cameras, I remember being struck by how little Holmes talked about himself. Almost his whole rap to the viewing public was about how well Shavers had fought.

Shavers, who must have known that this had been his last shot at the big time, was sitting there in a semi-daze with a towel over his head and a gash over his eye that looked as big as the Grand Canyon, not in much of a mood to talk. Holmes made it unnecessary. He made sure, in case any of us had missed it, that we all knew how good a man he'd beaten. And when he was done, he turned to Shavers and said, "I love ya, Earnie." Dehumanized? I think not.

Sometimes the very act of fighting will change the way two boxers feel about each other; sometimes the fight might as well not have happened as far as personal relationships go. It varies with the individual. Some boxers are unable to fight anyone without taking some kind of a personal interest in him, positive or negative. Some others just see an opponent, without noticing who the man is.

A writer who was working on a book about Bombardier Billy Wells, the old British heavyweight, once sought out Georges Carpentier, who had fought Wells twice, to get some insight on the man behind the gloves.

"I really couldn't say," Carpentier replied. "I never met the chap."

Then there are the two fighters who go into a ring hating each other, but come out friends. This sounds like something that could only happen in the movies, but there are some real-life examples.

One of the most famous of these is the case of Peter Jackson and Frank Slavin, two men that John L. Sullivan made a point of avoiding back in the 1890s.

Most serious boxing fans have heard of Jackson: He was the black heavyweight, from the West Indies by way of Australia, against whom Sullivan drew the notorious "color line." Legend has it that he was one of the greatest who ever lived; whether or not that's true, he was certainly very good. He and Jim Corbett once fought a draw over 61 rounds (no, that's not a misprint), which shows you something.

Slavin was a white Australian heavyweight, as highly touted as Jackson. Both men were loud, flamboyant and unfortunately alcoholic. They knew and hated each other throughout their careers, partly because of plain old racism, and partly because they were both crazy about the same woman. So their fight, held at London's National Sporting Club in 1892, was as classic a grudge match as anybody could have wanted.

Contemporary accounts called it one of the most brutal bouts ever seen at the old N.S.C. The advantage shifted back and forth with incredible speed for the first few rounds, Jackson looking finished one moment, Slavin the next. The two men tore at each other like wild apes, without a second's letup.

As the bout wore on, it was Slavin who began to tire. By the ninth round, he was shot—Jackson hammered him all over the ring, and Slavin was barely able to find his corner at the bell.

Early in the tenth, a lightning combination decked Slavin. His eyes were swollen shut, he was cut to ribbons, and he was so far gone he couldn't even raise his arms, but he dragged himself up and staggered toward Jackson yet again.

At this point, Jackson turned to the referee, Mr. B.J. Angle. He may have hated Slavin, but he was a human being, which is something we tend to forget about boxers. "My God, Mr. Angle," he cried, "do you want me to kill this man?"

"Box on," commanded the stony-faced Angle.

Jackson turned to Slavin, who was still advancing, and shouted, "I'm sorry, Frank!" Then he put him away.

That should have been the fight that got Jackson a shot at the title. But of course it

Don King comes between Ernie Shavers and Larry Holmes prior to their thrilling title bout.

wasn't. Sullivan, Corbett and Fitzsimmons, each in his turn, simply pretended that Jackson didn't exist. Jackson, with age creeping up on him, lost his skills and his money. He picked up tuberculosis, and sank deeper into alcoholism. Slowly, the great fighter turned into a bum.

By 1898, Jackson was living in flophouses, fighting third-raters (and losing to some of them), and slowly dying. Most people couldn't have cared less. But Frank Slavin, the man who'd always hated Jackson, was the one who took him in, got him some medical care, and finally bought Jackson a ticket back to Australia. Jackson died there in 1901, attended by the woman he and Slavin had fought over.

It's stories like this that I bring up whenever somebody tells me that boxing is dehumanizing. When you stop to think about it, you see, it becomes clear that boxing is far more the opposite of dehumanizing. Yes, it puts people through hell, but then going through hell is one of life's great equalizers. If, as I think, respect and understanding are two things the world needs more of, then it can't be said that boxing reduces our humanity. At least, not if we look at it the right way.

Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali trade pre-fight barbs. Upper right: Joe Louis on the wrong end of a horse during his Army days.

ASK THE ANSWERMAN

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

Q Who was Jack Johnson's last opponent?

—LARRY BURR
Ventura, Calif.

A *Bill Hartwell. Johnson's last pro fight was a seven-round kayo loss to Hartwell in Kansas City, Kansas, on May 15, 1928.*

Q How many times did Jack Dempsey fight Johnny Sudenberg? A friend of mine says six. I say just three.

—JERRY CARTER
Evanston, Ill.

A *You're right. Recent research has confirmed that Dempsey and Sudenberg only fought three times. Both meetings resulted in 10-round draws—in Goldfield, Nevada on May 31, 1915, and in Tonopah, Nevada, on June 13.*

Q Prior to 1983, when was the last world title fight scheduled for less than 15 rounds?

—JULIO CRUZ
El Paso, Texas

A *Jimmy Carruthers vs. Chamrern Songkitrat in Bangkok on May 2, 1954, 12 rounds. It was for Carruthers' bantamweight crown.*

Q Was there ever a world champ known as "The Fish?"

—HARRY GOLDBLATT
Bronx, New York

A *Yes. Benny Bass from Philadelphia. Bass was NBA featherweight champ from 1927-1928 and world junior lightweight champion from 1929-31.*

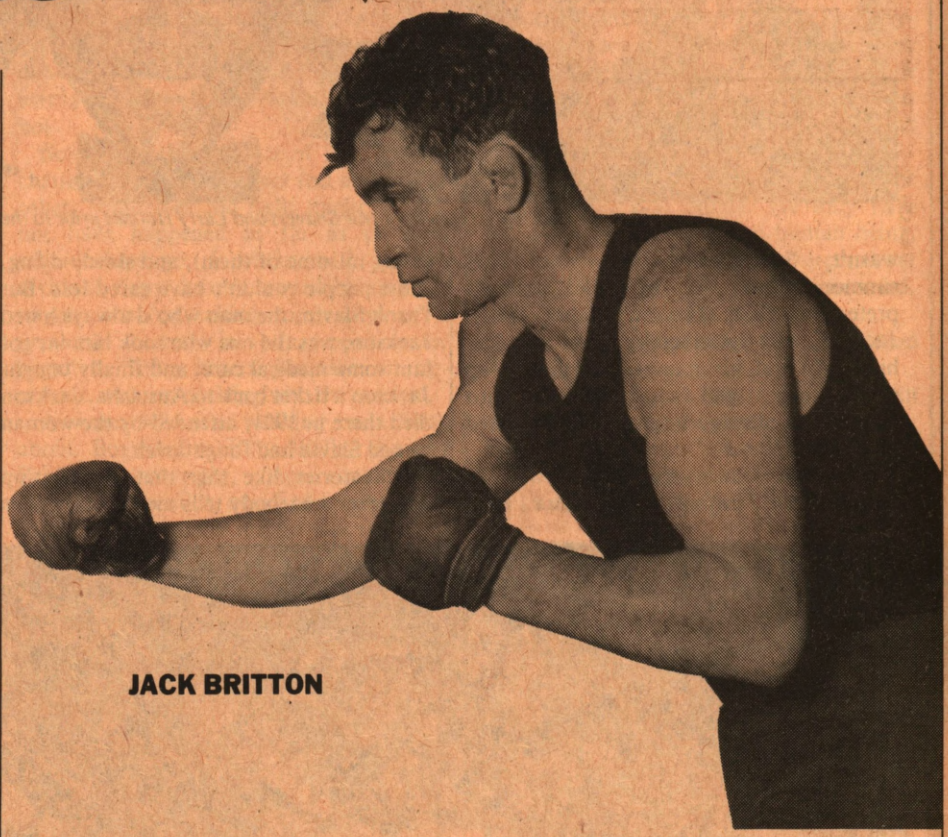
Q When and where did Kid Chocolate make his pro debut?

—RAUL MARCANO
Miami, Fla.

A *In Havana on February 10, 1928. He knocked out Kid Sotolongo in round five.*

Q Is Solly Kreiger living?

—JOHN HEATH
Manchester, Eng.



JACK BRITTON

A *No. Solly died in Las Vegas on September 24, 1965.*

Q Was Bob Olin Jewish?

—MORRIS FLEISCHMANN
Scranton, Pa.

A *Yes.*

Q Did Billy Conn lose his first pro fight? Somebody told me that he did, but I have doubts.

—BILL PHILIPPE
Eau Claire, Wisc.

A *Put all your doubts aside. Conn lost his first pro bout, a four-round decision to Dick Woodwer in Fairmont, West Virginia, early in 1935.*

Q Who had the most fights of any world champion?

—RAY SONNEBORN
Walla Walla, Wash.

A *Jack Britton. He had about 350.*

Q Most records on former world lightweight title claimant Jimmy Britt are under the heading "James Edward Britt." Did Britt refer to himself as "James Edward Britt" on a regular basis?

—JOE STEVENS
Omaha, Neb.

A *Yes, despite the sneers of his opponents.*

Q Was former WBC junior welterweight champion Bruno Arcari a southpaw?

—JIM GRILLI
Fall River, Mass.

A *Yes. He wasn't a bad fighter, either.*

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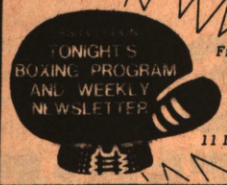

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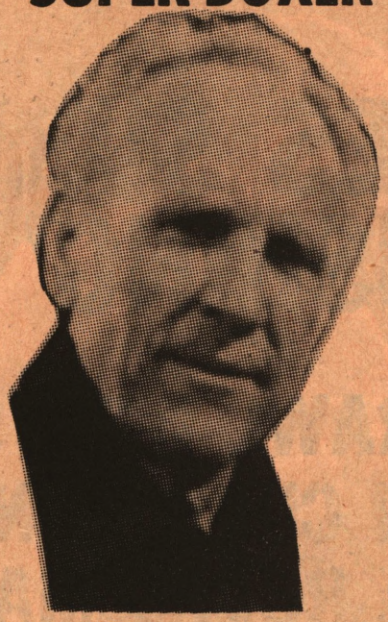

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HOLMES SURVIVES 'BONECRUSHING' DEFENSE

PUNISHING BRAWL WITH SMITH CASTS DOUBTS ON CHAMPION'S ABILITY TO BREAK ROCKY MARCIANO'S RECORD.

BY JACK WELSH

IT WAS AFTER MIDNIGHT WHEN Larry Holmes' post-fight itinerary brought him to a festive assembly of fight people in the Riviera's Biarritz Room. For years now, when Don King presents a world title fight, post mortems are always amid good food, an assortment of strong beverages, and blaring music. In low, indirect lighting, it's sometimes hard to find who you are looking for, even if it's the heavyweight champion of the world. In the order of mingling, there were a lot of guys the size of Holmes in the Las Vegas tableau, hoping to catch King's eye for his next fistic promotion. Despite those psychedelic lights, Holmes was most conspicuous for something other than his imposing physique—notably a splint on the thumb of his right hand.

The 35-year-old undefeated International Boxing Federation titleholder hadn't gone directly to Dandy Don's clambake after carving James "Bonecrusher" Smith into a 12th round TKO several hours earlier. After facing media inquisitors, Holmes dropped by Valley Hospital to have the injured member X-rayed and pick up three stitches for a cut over the bony ridge of his left eye. The latter was a fresh experience in Larry's 11 years as a professional fist fighter, and the first stark reminder that Father Time is seriously tracking him.

Whatever ideas Holmes entertains about actually chasing the late Rocky Marciano's 49-0 milestone, may now be delayed until early spring.

"The bone isn't any more cracked on the top than it was last summer," Holmes said. "But I may have to have it operated on in Easton (Pennsylvania, the champion's home town). I had hoped to get back in the gym by late January or February for a fight with Michael Spinks (world lightheavyweight champion).

"But if I wind up with another operation, it might be April before I can get back into action."

Holmes' announcement that the Smith fight could have been "called off" was perhaps the most startling revelation coming in the recap of his 46th straight victory, 33 by knockout.

"I broke the thumb in the gym back in Easton in July on Friday the 13th while still training for Gerrie Coetzee," the champion said, displaying X-ray film to support his claim. "It was a bone chip on the top of the thumb. They put 13 stitches in my hand.

"It could have been called off, but I don't call off fights. I think a champion should be fighting. I knew how important this fight was to the IBF. It's a new organization, and it will give other fighters opportunities. I don't think it will show too much favoritism like other organizations."

Holmes' obvious reference was to the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council. The latter recognized Larry through 16 title defenses until he abdicated in December, 1983 in a contract dispute with King.

As for whipping out those X-rays, it really wasn't necessary. Anyone semi-familiar with the Sweet Science remembers how Holmes masqueraded a pulled muscle in his left shoulder for a week before winning the WBC crown from Ken Norton (June 9, 1978) in one of the great heavyweight title bouts of all-time at Caesars Palace.

That Holmes was victorious in his first IBF defense was no surprise, but the 5,100 outdoor spectators, looking on in 54-degree weather, were startled it took him so long—even in his most serious exercise in 17 months. You won't find many souls including that one-round annihilation of overmatched Marvis Frazier November 25, 1983 at Caesars Palace. But Holmes did have the poundage he wanted for Smith at 221½.

The official balloting wasn't even close and after the ninth round, Smith needed a knockout to win. When the end came with virtually no dissenters, judge Duane Ford of Las Vegas had it 108-101 while his peers, Glen Hamada of Seattle, voted 109-100, and Sacramento's Hank Elesperu scored

108-100. *Ring* magazine's tab for Holmes was 108-102.

Though Nevada's sports books didn't anticipate heavy volume, the oddsmakers did show a profit among clientele who figured it wouldn't go the seven full rounds in the offered "go or don't go" betting proposition. Even Richie Giachetti, Holmes' former trainer who broke with him in April, 1981 but still remains a friend, reportedly lost a big chunk on the champion who made him wealthy and a defector from auto repair work in Cleveland.

That Smith, the ex-G.I. challenger from Magnolia, N.C., would go beyond seven in the scheduled 15-rounder attracted few takers, but the man, considered the IBF's 11th best heavyweight, certainly didn't disgrace himself. For a guy later revealed to be 31, not 29 as hyped right up to the first bell, "Bonecrusher" gave Holmes one of the most exhausting evenings of his career.

Smith, in superb condition at 227, did not knock out Holmes as predicted, but he did land a couple of booming right hands in the fifth and eighth rounds before succumbing to a badly gashed left eye at 2:10 of the 12th.

In the final 10 days leading up to the fight "Bonecrusher" did his damnest to light Holmes' ire.

"I'd love nothing better than to get Holmes into a war, trading punches," Smith smiled. "But nobody can trade with the 'Bonecrusher', not even Larry Holmes. Frank Bruno made that mistake at Wembley (May 13, 1983) and I stopped him in the last round. If I hit Holmes flush, I won't only knock him down, I'll put him to sleep.

"I'm definitely the hardest hitting heavyweight. I want to hit Holmes so hard he'll start rationalizing that he has enough millions in Easton and that will be it."

By the time, King placed the combatants on a dais 48 hours before the "Countdown to Glory," Holmes had had it with the 6'4" Smith. And he let a gathered media know it.

"Smith doesn't have the mobility or ability to beat Larry Holmes," the champion advised. "No way in hell he can hit as hard as Earnie Shavers. He got lucky with Frank Bruno. I'm not in this thing to take this man 15 rounds.

"I've had the experience, I know what I can do, and I'm a pro. I'm gonna step from side to side, and make Smith eat leather. I'm gonna teach Smith what it is to be in with a real champion. I've been where he's trying to get, and he will be knocked out."

Holmes may have surprised even Smith the way he came out in the opening round, up on his toes . . . moving laterally as

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(weight unlimited)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES ☆ ..... Easton, Pa.
1. **Pinklon Thomas**** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Gerrie Coetzee*** ..... South Africa
3. **David Bey** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Greg Page** ..... Pittsburg, Pa.
6. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
7. **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio
8. **James Broad** ..... Wildwood, N.J.
9. **James Smith** ..... Magnolia, N.C.
10. **Gerry Cooney** ..... Huntington, N.Y.

11. Carl Williams, 12. Tony Tubbs, 13. Tony Tucker, 14. Trevor Berbick, 15. Marvis Frazier

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(not over 195 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS DE LEON** ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Osvaldo Ocasio*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** .... Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. **Anthony Davis** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
4. **Leroy Murphy** ☆ ..... Chicago, Ill.
5. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
6. **Alfonso Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
7. **Henry Hearns** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **S.T. Gordon** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Marvin Camel** ☆ ..... Missoula, Mont.
10. **Randy Stephens** ..... Dallas, Texas

11. Chisanda Mutti, 12. Bashiru Ali, 13. David Pearce, 14. Dennis Jackson, 15. Bernard Benton

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS*** ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Dwight Qawi** ..... Camden, N.J.
2. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
3. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
4. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Prince Mama Mohammad** ..... Ghana
6. **David Sears** ..... Queens, N.Y.
7. **Oscar Rivadeneyra** ..... Vineland, N.J.
8. **J.B. Williamson** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroons
10. **Tim Broady** ..... Jersey City, N.J.

11. Fulgencio Obelmejios, 12. Alex Blanchard, 13. Lotte Mwale

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

M. MARVIN HAGLER* ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **Thomas Hearns** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
3. **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
5. **Mustafa Hamsho** ..... Syria
6. **Alex Ramos** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
7. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
8. **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Curtis Parker** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. **Herol Graham** ..... United Public

11. James Kinchen, 12. Doug DeWhitt, 13. John Collins, 14. Frank Fletcher, 15. Mark Holmes, 16. Chong-Pal Park, 17. Robert Pew

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
2. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
3. **Carlos Santos** ☆ ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.
6. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. **Buster Drayton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **Fred Hutchings** ..... Stockton, Calif.
9. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
10. **Earl Hargrove** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. James Green, 12. Francisco DeJesus, 13. Wilfred Benitez, 14. Darnell Knox, 15. Luigi Minchillo

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Donald Curry*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
4. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
5. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
7. **Nino LaRocca** ..... Italy
8. **Pedro Vilella** ..... New York, N.Y.
9. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
10. **Carlos Trujillo** ..... Panama

11. Johnny Bumphus, 12. Roger Stafford, 13. Jun-Suk Hwang, 14. Elio Diaz, 15. Pablo Baez, 16. Horace Shufford

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Aaron Pryor** ☆ ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
2. **Bill Costello**** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
3. **Gene Hatcher*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
4. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Pt. Arthur, Texas
5. **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
6. **Saoul Mamby** ..... New York, N.Y.
7. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
8. **Gary Hinton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
10. **Clinton McKenzie** ..... England

11. Hugo Hernandez, 12. Bill Famous, 13. Hideka Akai, 14. Sang-Ho Lee, 15. (Tie) Lorenzo Garcia, Ubaldo Sacco, Reyes Cruz, 18. Joe Manley

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**** WBC CHAMPION**
***** WBA AND WBC CHAMPION**
☆ IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Jose Luis Ramirez**** ..... Mexico
3. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Ray Mancini** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
6. **Harry Arroyo** ☆ ..... Youngstown, Ohio
7. **Howard Davis** ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
8. **Hector Camacho** ..... Harlem, N.Y.
9. **Jimmy Paul** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Terrance Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.

11. Robin Blake, 12. Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 13. Darryl Tyson, 14. Nick Furlano, 15. Orlando Romero, 16. Charlie (White Lightning) Brown, 17. Kenny Bogner, 18 Frankie Randall

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROCKY LOCKRIDGE* ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
1. **Julio Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Roger Mayweather** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
3. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
4. **Julio Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Bobby Chacon** ..... Oroville, Calif.
6. **Edgar Castro** ..... Venezuela
7. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Pat Cowdell** ..... England
9. **Jean Marc Renard** ..... Belgium
10. **Kamel Bou Ali** ..... Tunisia

11. Vonekura Ikhoni, 12. Yoshimitsu Azato, 13. Rolando Navarrete, 14. Alfredo Layne, 15. Tae-Jin Moon, 16. Refugio Rojas

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
1. **Wilfredo Gomez**** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
3. **Barry McGuigan** ..... Ireland
4. **Azumah Nelson** ..... Ghana
5. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
6. **Johnny De La Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
7. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9. **Ruben Castillo** ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
10. **Richard Savage** ..... W. Monroe, La.

11. Irving Mitchell, 12. Jorge Lujan, 13. Sergio Zambrano, 14. Ramon Sosa, 15. (Tie) Lupe Suarez, Oscar Bejines, 17. (Tie) Tyrone Jackson, Dana Roston

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Juan (Kid) Meza**** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Mike Ayala** ..... San Antonio, Texas
5. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
6. **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Raul Gonzalez** ..... Venezuela
8. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Leo Cruz** ..... Dominican Republic
10. **Seung-Hoon Lee** ..... Korea

11. Felepe Orozco, 12. Bernardo Checo, 13. Ramon Dominguez, 14. Pongpan Sorphayathai 15. Ji-Won Kim, 16. Tommy Valoy, 17. Jesus Flores

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RICHARD SANDOVAL* ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1. **Albert Davila**** ..... Pomona, Calif.
2. **Jeff Chandler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
4. **Payao Poontarat** ..... Thailand
5. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
6. **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
7. **Freddy Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas
8. **Kaosai Galassy** ..... Thailand
9. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
10. **Enrique Sanchez** ..... Dominican Republic

11. Miguel Lora, 12. James Pipps, 13. Chan-Yung Park, 14. Harold Petty, 15. Jorge Ramirez

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITLALATA** ..... Thailand
1. **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
3. **Sugar Baby Rojas** ..... Miami, Fla.
4. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
5. **Francisco Quiroz** ..... Dominican Republic
6. **Alonzo Gonzalez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Candido Tellez** ..... Mexico
8. **Freddie Castillo** ..... Mexico
9. **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
10. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Koji Kobayashi, 12. Juan Herrera, 13. Prudencio Cardona, 14. German Torres, 15. Charlie Magri, 16. Katsuo Toshiki, 17. Reinaldo Becerra, 18. Jose de Jesus, 19. Francisco Montiel, 20 Enrique Aguilar

promised, and raking the taller opponent with a jab that put a nick on "Bonecrusher's" nose before the round was over.

Though Larry had some trouble early trying to get the right over behind the jab, Smith ultimately paid a big price trying to solve the champion's patented stick and move technique. Midway in the third round, Holmes stung the southerner with a double jab. The champion then scored with two quick rights, and when Smith was wild with the same punch, Larry fired two searing jabs which opened a cut under the challenger's left eye.

Holmes, who had added a birthday (November 3) a week before the fight, was still scoring and moving effectively early in the fifth round when the pressuring Smith employed that 82-inch reach to drop his best weapon—the right—on the champion's jaw.

The champion wasn't close to going down, but he wobbled and reached out to grab his tormentor like it was a brotherly reunion. That old fire in Holmes surfaced as he threw a whistling, but erratic right and then tagged Smith with two lefts.

Holmes, who earned more than $1 million for his work, came back to win the sixth and seventh rounds as his jab, and an occasional right, inflicted an ugly bruise on Smith's forehead. Smith, who didn't turn pro until 1981, winning 14 of 15 bouts, had his last chance to make his prediction come true in the eighth.

Actually, "Bonecrusher" might have shaken Larry's psyche in the previous round when he came out of a clinch with a right which inflicted a slice in the corner of Holmes' left eye.

Midway in the eighth, Smith had Holmes backing up and sent the champion into the ropes with a long right to the head. Larry appeared perplexed as he tied up the upstart challenger. For an instant, the shaken IBF monarch appeared ready to slug toe to toe, fulfilling Smith's desires, but he finally regained composure. Maybe Smith didn't know it at the time, but when the bell ended the eighth, it was the beginning of the end for his visions of an upset.

Holmes had hurt his man with body shots in the ninth, and scored with big combinations in the 10th while chastising "Bonecrusher" for alleged "repeated butting."

By the 11th, Holmes was dancing again and scoring in volleys of three and four punches to the head. Smith repeatedly pawed at the blood flowing into his eye, obviously having trouble seeing. Before the round was over, referee Davey Pearl guided "Bonecrusher" to Dr. Flip Homansky at ringside. Smith was given approval to continue just before the bell.

Holmes still wanted a stoppage badly, and applied the heat early in the 12th. The champion had Smith's olive features glistening with claret when he caught him coming in with a right. After another sizzling right, which made the blood dance in the desert air, Pearl took a wobbly, tiring Smith to another neutral corner.

Dr. Don Romeo of the Nevada State Athletic Commission gave a second and final opinion with 50 seconds left in the round.

"I told Smith he had a very bad cut and it would get worse," Dr. Romeo said. "He was cut in the eyelid while Larry's was just in the corner. Though it kept on bleeding, Holmes' eye never got worse. If Smith hadn't said it was okay to stop it, I was going to stop it myself after the next flurry."

Smith, with three facial cuts and a bruise, also talked in a raspy voice after taking a punch in the throat early in the fight.

"If I hadn't got cut out there, I would have beaten Larry Holmes," Smith reflected. "I could feel the blood in my eye. The doctor said if I had taken another blow, he would stop it anyway. Holmes is a great fighter, he has one of the best jabs. He's a slick old pro. He thumbed me in both eyes, but I know I hurt him and I hit him with some good hooks and right hands."

When Holmes later heard Smith's repeated "thumbing" protests," he smiled.

"How could I have thumbed him? Smith was blocking most of those rights," the champion inquired. 'Bonecrusher' is strong, very awkward to fight. I tried to get him early and couldn't do it. Yes, he shook me up, he hit me hard. But never two shots in a row. Nobody has ever done that. I rate this performance about a 7."

Pearl, who has refereed 2,000 bouts over 20 years, refuted Smith's thumbing charges.

"No way . . . that's just not Larry's

style," the referee said. "Those cuts were inflicted on Smith by punches. Holmes' cut might have come from a butt though. The only warning I gave was to 'Bonecrusher' when I told him not to hold. Dr. Romeo was absolutely correct in stopping the fight. If he hadn't, I was going to stop it."

Smith, a graduate of Shaw, N.C. University who earned $200,000, admitted he was excited when he saw Holmes bleeding for the first time in his career.

"When I saw the blood I was really motivated because I wanted to knock him out," the challenger said. "I had him and I hurt him, but Holmes stayed out of the corners.

"Yes, he was talking to me early . . . Larry was trying to psyche me out. But Holmes don't talk plain. I couldn't understand what he said. Before the bell in the center of the ring, we almost touched noses we were so close. Holmes shoved me because I was staring him down and he don't like nobody to stare him down."

Holmes was later to admit he talked to Smith because "he was using his head."

"In the 10th round, I said to him, 'Come on, man, fight fair.' Smith nodded, he was very polite about everything, but he kept on doing it," Larry said.

The champion contended he was only slightly irritated by the eye cut.

"For just an instant, I thought about possibly losing on a cut," Holmes informed. "But then I knew I had Percy Richardson, along with Eddie Futch, in the corner. If you ever have a cut, get Percy because he's the best cutman in the business."

When somebody mentioned Marciano's record, Holmes seemed to hedge about going for it.

"If I wanted it, nobody could stop me from getting it," the IBF titleholder advised. "And if I really wanted to make myself a real big hero, I could go to 49-0 and quit out of respect for Marciano.

"Now that I've made Smith No. 46, this could be the scheduled: Michael Spinks would make it No. 47, then how about Tony Tubbs as No. 48? Finally, John Tate (former WBA heavyweight champion) . . . he's no threat. If the networks won't buy it, I'll stage it myself in Easton. That is, if I really want the record."

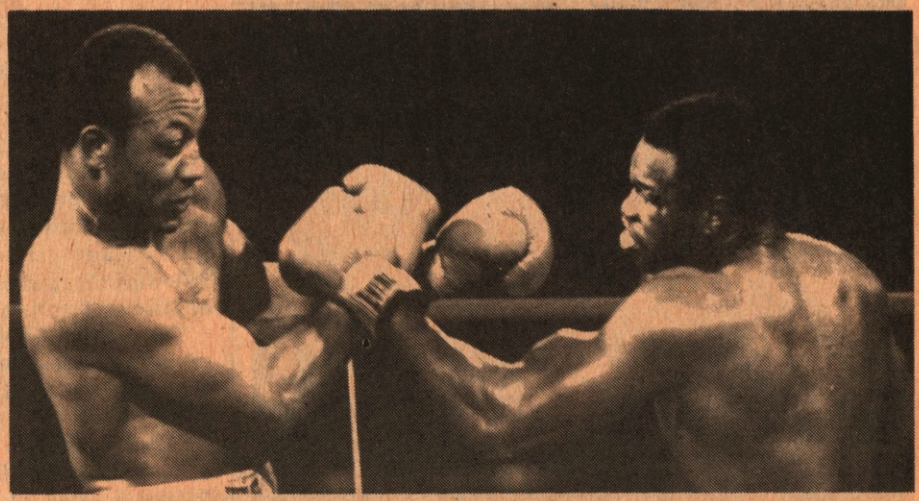
Neither Holmes nor his probers suggested who the opponent might be as No. 50, if it happens at all. Yet even in silence, the name Gerry Cooney was omnipresent.

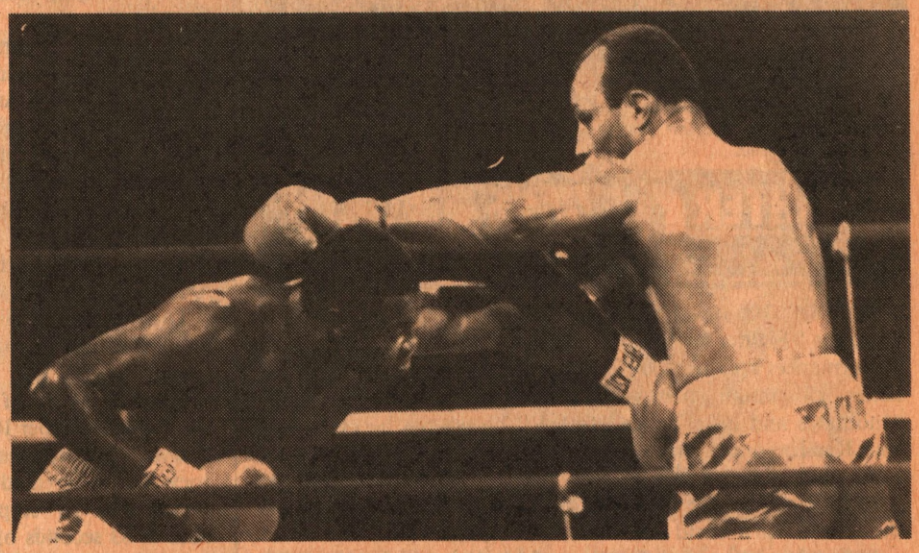
Most ringside experts, media and boxing veterans alike, would like to see Holmes retire tomorrow. Breaking Marciano's impressive record is really academic. Larry doesn't need it to enhance his position among the great world heavyweight champions of all-time. Yet just one defeat at this late hour would inflict indelible tarnish. And in the years to come, certain regret.

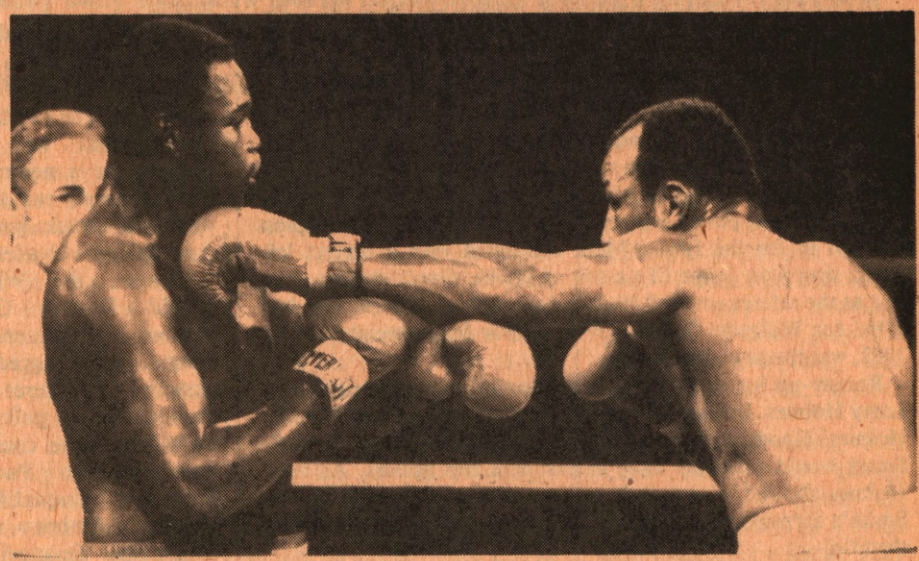
Reminded of sand filling the bottom of his hourglass, Holmes only smiled.

"You take risk every day going across the street. I feel very good. I've got one thing still going for me—this."

The great champion cocked his left fist. He hadn't learned a thing. □







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Juan (Kid) Meza is hoisted in the air by his cornermen after knocking out Jaime Garza in the first round to win the WBC super bantamweight title.

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

SOME MONTHS, ONE FIGHTER STANDS OUT AS THE OBVIOUS choice as "Fighter Of The Month." At other times, outstanding performances are rare and it's tough to come up with a deserving boxer. This month, however, we are faced with several worthy candidates and have decided to split the honors between **Jose Luis Ramirez** and **Juan (Kid) Meza.** Oddly enough, both of their fights took place on the same day, one in Puerto Rico and the other in Kingston, New York. In both bouts, the winner came off the deck to win a world title. Never an easy task.

In San Juan, Jose Luis Ramirez of Mexico captured the WBC lightweight title with a fourth round TKO over hometown hero Edwin Rosario. Ramirez visited the canvas in both the first and second rounds, but showed amazing courage and resilience, rallying back to stop Rosario two rounds later.

Meza, a prohibitive underdog against the previously undefeated Jaime Garza, went down early in the first when Garza clipped him with a right. Meza beat the count, weathered the storm, and then pulled a shocker. As the over anxious champion charged in for the finish, Meza connected with a perfect left hook, dropping Jaime like a ton of bricks. Garza staggered up just as the referee counted 10, but was ruled out. Meza, who lost a bid for Wilfredo Gomez's WBC junior featherweight belt in 1982, was the new champion.

Runner-up for "Fighter Of The Month" is heavyweight king **Larry Holmes.** In a month with fewer remarkable performances, Holmes' bloody 12th round victory over James "Bonecrusher" Smith would probably have earned him top honors. As it is, Holmes showed why he's been champ for so long, surviving Smith's surprisingly effective attack and coming back to retain the title.

WEAVER-ANTHONY

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—LARRY Merchant came up with a pretty good throw away line at the Riviera Hotel-Casino following the strangest victory of Mike Weaver's career.

The ex-New York sportswriter, now doing color fight commentary for Home Box Office television, quipped: "Henny Youngman still may be king of the one-liners, but Weaver is king of the one-rounders."

Merchant's reference was to how the 31-year-old Former World Boxing Association heavyweight champion from Los Angeles prevailed after Detroit's Tony Anthony was disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct after the first round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

The weird ending also revived memories of Weaver losing his WBA title to Michael Dokes of Akron, Ohio, on December 10, 1982 at Caesars Palace, when referee Joey Curtis created quite a controversy by stopping the bout at 63 seconds of the first round.

Weaver, 209, had tagged Anthony, 222, with a left hook just as the bell rang ending round one. The ex-Marine had turned, and was actually heading for a neutral corner when Anthony ran across the ring and struck him solidly from behind with a left hook.

Weaver, the WBA and World Boxing Council's number one contender, was stunned and sagged to the canvas as referee Carlos Padilla tried to pull Anthony away before he could throw another punch. Padilla immediately disqualified the distraught Anthony, who later told trainer Emanuel Steward he "didn't hear the bell."

Promoter Don King suggested the 25-year Anthony return to Steward's Kronk gym and "be forced to listen to several choruses of the Bells of St. Mary's."

Weaver, whose record improved to 27-10-1, with 18 kayoes, started much faster than usual, clearly winning the first round. The ex-WBA champion employed instant pressure, raking Anthony with double hooks to the head and body. Anthony, now 21-4 with 7 kayoes, scored with several hard rights to the jaw, but failed to slow Weaver.

King indicated before and after the abbreviated bout that Weaver would challenge Pinklon Thomas of Philadelphia for the WBC heavyweight crown in late January or February, the site and date yet to be determined.

Undefeated Tony Tubbs, 239, Cincinnati, remained a possible title contender when he registered a TKO victory over veteran Jerry Williams, 224, Fayetteville, N.C., at 2:39 of the seventh in a scheduled 10-round bout. Tubbs, running his record to 14-0, lived up to his name in appearance, coming in at least 10 pounds overweight.

However, it was bell-to-bell action until the end with Tubbs, a former national amateur champion, having too much power for the gutty Williams, who had been serving as a Holmes' sparring partner.

After a free-wheeling slugfest through the first two rounds, Tubbs began to take charge in the third. The Southern Ohio heavyweight nailed Williams through his "peek-a-boo" defense with nine unanswered punches. Finally, a right dropped Williams on his side.

Rising, Williams ran into three lefts and a right, dropping to one knee. Tubbs struck his opponent with another right as Curtis moved in for the count, but no infraction was charged. When Williams rose this time, Tubbs belted him five shots before the bell.

Tubbs cut Williams' mouth in the fourth round, and staggered him with a five-punch salvo just before the bell.

The end came for Williams in the seventh when Tubbs pinned him in a corner and hammered Jerry to one knee, prompting Curtis to abbreviate the bout.

Randall (Tex) Cobb, 229, Orange, Texas, probably wishes Trevor Berbick had showed up after all for their 10-round bout. James (Buster) Douglas, 244, Columbus, Ohio, came on as an 11th hour substitute for Berbick and scored an upset majority decision over the colorful Texan.

Cobb and Berbick were reportedly to receive $25,000 each, but the latter officially pulled out three days before the bout in a contract dispute with King, who had allegedly advanced the Jamaica-born fighter money on their agreement.

There were no knockdowns in action where both fighters took turns landing Sunday punches, but two judges voted a scant edge to Douglas while a third called it a draw. Cobb, who fought Holmes for the WBC crown in 1982, saw his ledger dip to 24-4 with nine kayoes. Douglas is now 18-4.

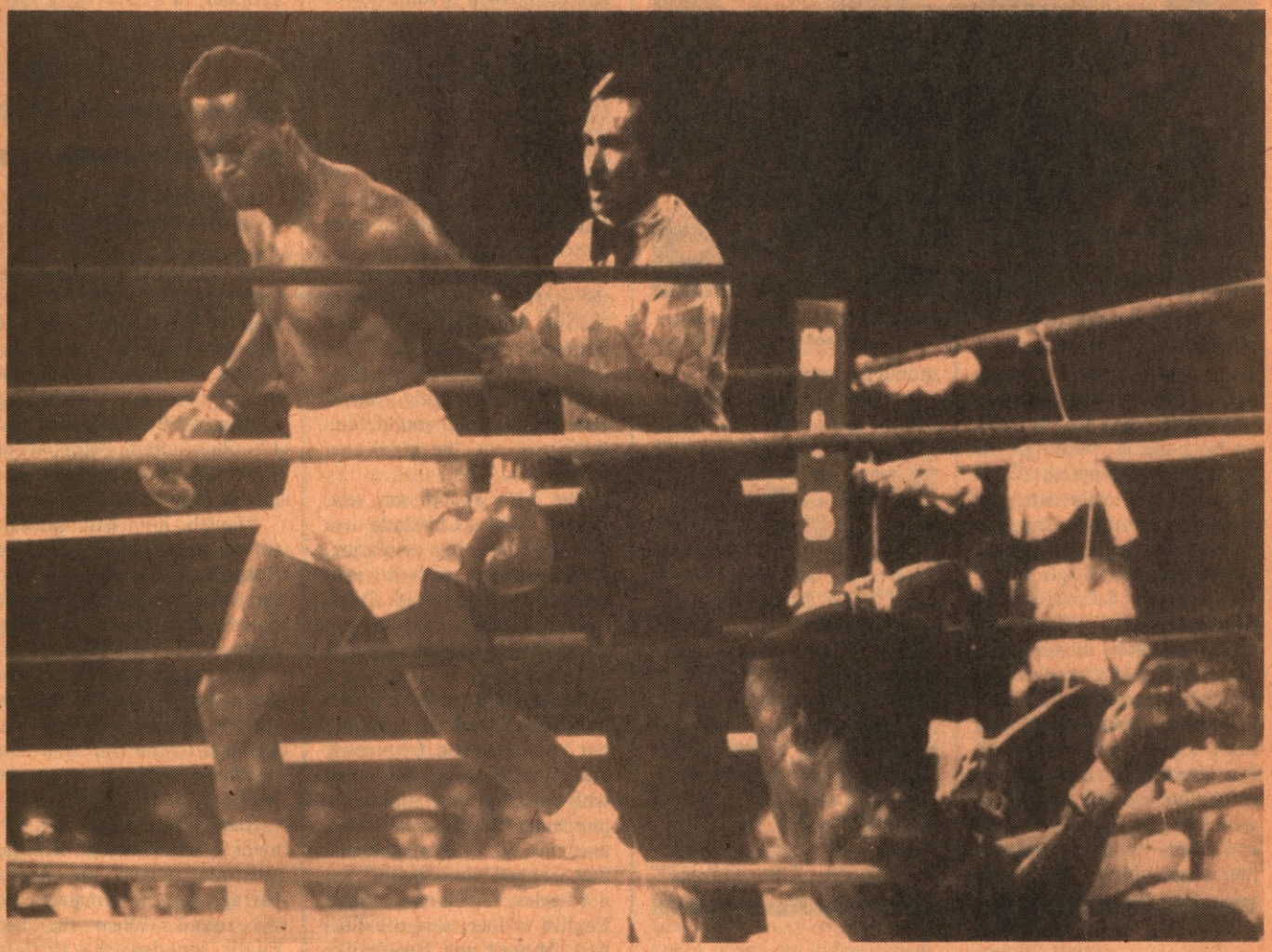
Mark Holmes, 163, Easton, Pa., younger brother of the IBF champion, turned in one of his best performances when he won a unanimous 10-round decision over Odell Hadley, 159¾, Los Angeles.

The 25-year old undefeated middleweight extended his skein to 29-0 with 15 kayoes, gaining the triumph with a steady, punishing jab and sharp combinations. Hadley, now 15-4-1 with nine kayoes, started a belated rally in the eighth and ninth rounds, but the effort was negated when Holmes decked the Southern Californian with a left hook in the final frame.

Louis Howard, 146¾, Phoenix, Az., won an easy pro debuting four-round victory over Victor Hernandez, 147, Phoenix.

Vincent Webb, 140½, Phoenix, posted a TKO score over Kerry Moore, 140, Phoenix, at 1:51 of the first round in a scheduled four.

JACK WELSH



Referee Carlos Padilla pulls Tony Anthony away from Mike Weaver at the end of the first round. Anthony was disqualified when he attacked Weaver from behind after the bell ending the round had sounded.

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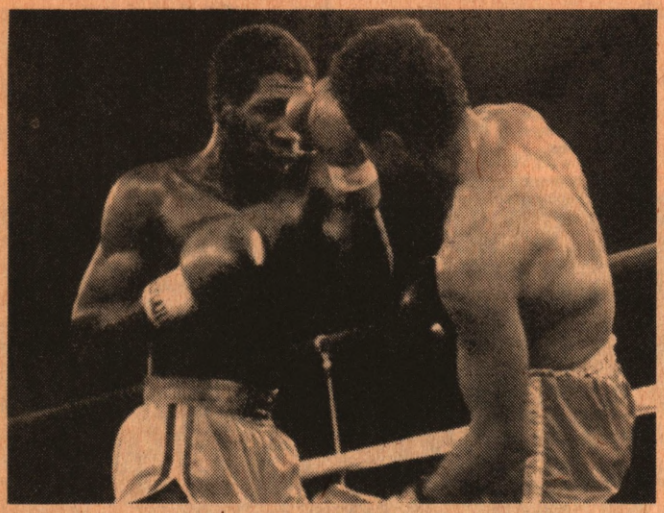
BRAMBLE-CURET

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—NOtoriety isn't popularity, and doesn't pay as well, either. WBA lightweight champ Livingstone Bramble is doubtless finding this out since dismantling America's hero, "Boom Boom" Mancini. After repeated attempts to defend against someone other than the popular ex-champ died of lethargy, Bramble finally had to settle on a lowly non-title tuneup. With the only man he can make money against in attendance as a cable TV color commentator, Livingstone turned in a gem of a performance, winning a 10-round unanimous verdict over no slug in Edwin Curet. But the sell-out crowd at Harrah's Marina saw only the red flag.

The most impressive weapon shown by the champion was an almost unnoticeably subtle defense. Rather than cautious, long-range posturing that cuts down on action, Bramble, 138, Passaic, remained stationary, right in front of his man. Curet, 136½, Brockton, took his swings as the action continued brisk throughout. But the overwhelming number were caught on the gloves, or glanced harmlessly off the back of Bramble's slightly forward tilting head. Livingstone cued off Edwin's misses with short, jarring combinations that had Curet in distress on several occasions. About the only thing Bramble did "wrong" was fail to sustain a punishing body attack that looked about to fold up Curet. When Edwin hit him low in the second, Livingstone got a rest from referee Larry Hazzard, then answered back with a deliberate groin shot of his own. "I didn't get him like I wanted to," Bramble glowered. "I don't play that stuff, but everything that someone does to me, I'll do to them better."

By the final round, with Curet wobbly but gamely battling on, the crowd had taken on the mood of a lynch mob waiting for a signal. They



Livingstone Bramble (left) on the attack during his non-title bout with Edwin Curet. photo: Shelton Minor

got it when the champion began showboating, holding hands over head and winding up his punches, bolo-style. A storm of boos erupted, all out of proportion to the acts, and continued through the announcement of the decision (John Stewart 7-2-1, Tony Castellano 8-2, Harold Lederman 9-1). "I wasn't trying to show disrespect. I just wanted him to throw a punch so I could hurt him," Bramble explained. "You can't knock him out." Unfortunately, an artful exhibition by the champion went largely unappreciated, while his "politics" hogged the stage. Next time, they should pass out hoods.

Mike Costello, 176¼, Bridgeport, Conn., TKO'd John Tyrell, 174¾, Glens Falls, N.Y., at 0:39 of the eighth and final round. Costello's hands were too sharp for the tough, but plodding Tyrell, who took a relentless beating, and finally dropped. Ref, Frank Cappuccino.

Kevin Vieldhouse, 149½, Wayne, N.J., won yet another hairline, though unanimous, decision, over John (Hollywood) Martiri, 150, Brooklyn, in a fine six. Ref, Cappuccino.

Tony Corrado, 151¾, Wappingers Falls, N.Y., split decisioned Tony Arneaud, 152, Brooklyn, in a rock-'em, sock-'em six. Arneaud was down in the first. Ref, Hazzard.

Sammy Young, 139½, Troy, N.Y., stopped overmatched James Lyons, 134, Phila., at 1:48 of the second in their scheduled six. Ref, Hazzard.

Larry Leone, 134¼, Bronx, took a unanimous decision in a rousing battle with Teddy Smith, 132¾, Pawtucket, R.I., four. Ref, Cappuccino.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—1000 (est.).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-24-84)

J.R. JOWETT

CHITALADA-BERNAL
WBC Flyweight Title

BANGKOK, THAILAND—IN his eighth pro bout, Sot Chitalada, 111½, Thailand, won the WBC flyweight crown via an upset split decision over defending champion Gabriel Bernal, also 111½, Mexico, 12 rounds. The bout was held before about 8,500 fans in Gymnasium One of the newly built National Stadium.

It was a hard fought fight, with Bernal stalking and Chitalada making effective use of his left jab. The official scorecards were as follows: Harry Gibbs (England), 117-114, Chitalada; Duane Ford (U.S.), 116-113, Chitalada; James Jen Kin (U.S.), 114-113. Veteran Zack Clayton was the non-scoring referee.

The over confident Bernal, 29, started slowly, attempting to feel out his less experienced challenger. In the first five rounds, it was the Thai who scored the points, winning four frames by 10-9 scores with his jab. It was not until round six that the champ turned aggressive. Chitalada kept on dancing, but Bernal connected with a couple of good rights in the closing seconds. He won the round by a close margin.

Bernal's manager, Arturo Hernandez, told his charge to go for Chitalada's body, and the champ obeyed. Sot weathered the storm, however, and fought back with straight blows at long range. Bernal won that round, too, but Chitalada took a stand in the eighth inning, trading shots with the champ in the center of the ring. Amazingly, Sot got the better of the fighting. The Thai is not noted as a puncher.

Bernal concentrated on the body in the ninth round, but he failed to throw combinations, and missed far more punches than he landed.

Chitalada looked sharp at the start of the 10th session, scoring with fast jabs and combos. Bernal saw his chance, and caught the Thai with wicked body shots. Bernal won the round, but failed to put the challenger away.

The 11th round was also Bernal. When Chitalada lost his balance in retreating, Bernal landed with a well-timed right to the head. Down went Chitalada, but referee Zack Clayton ruled it was a slip.

Bernal tried for a knockout in the 12th and final inning, but he missed too frequently, and the Thai won the round with accurate combination punching. The fight was over, and the WBC flyweight title had changed hands again.

Charles Atkinson, Sot's English trainer, said the Thai had "moved and fought like the young Muhammad Ali. Sometimes, he was able to trade punches with Bernal, but I would have liked to see him box the way he did in the first five rounds, and do it all the way through."

Cuyo Hernandez was angry. "If this were a marathon race, Sot might have been the winner. But it was a fight, and Bernal should have gotten the decision. I will protest to the WBC."

The Mexican papers said that Bernal drank too ouch in Nimes, France, following his defense against Antoine Montero on June 1st. This fight with Chitalada had to be postponed a few times due to the champ's poor condition.

Chitalada is now 7-1 with five kayoes. Bernal, who probably lost due to his days of Wine and Rose, is 35-10-2 with 25 knockouts. There will probably be a rematch.
(10-08-84)

JOE KOIZUMI

RAMIREZ-ROSARIO
WBC Lightweight Title

SAN JUAN, P.R.—JOSE Luis Ramirez, 135, Mexico, won the WBC lightweight title with a sensational come-from-behind technical knockout victory over defending champion Edwin Rosario, also 135, Puerto Rico, before about 5,000 fans in a rain splattered Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

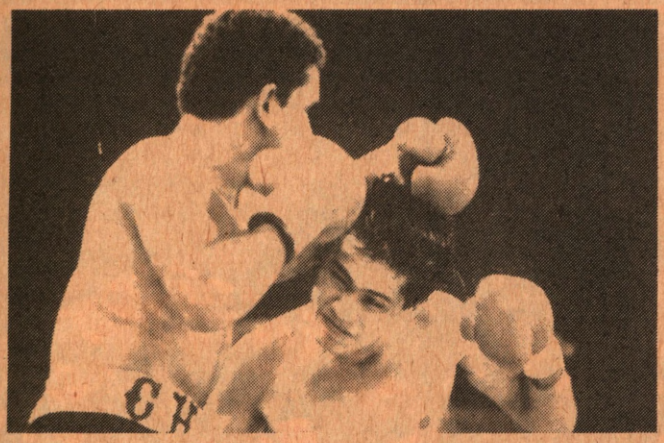
"Finish him off quickly, Chapo," someone yelled to Rosario as he made his way to the ring. "I want to get home before it starts pouring again."

The champ tried to do just that. With less than 15 seconds gone in round one, he knocked Ramirez to the canvas with a smashing right cross to the jaw.

Ramirez, a slow starter, made it to his feet, but Rosario did not let up his steady barrage for the remainder of the round. When the bell finally sounded, the partisan crowd was in an uproar, apparently assured of an early victory for the hometown favorite.

The Ramirez corner looked worried, but the fighter himself said that he was okay. On the other side of the ring, chief second Manny Siaca told Rosario to keep cool and box. Edwin, however, had other ideas. He did not want any more talk of the type he had heard after the Howard Davis fight—talk that said that he had failed to knock Davis out because he let him off the hook after a first round knockdown.

Therefore, Chapo came out in the second round with murder in his eyes. He con-



Jose Luis Ramirez (right) displays the grim determination that allowed him to recover from two knockdowns to win the WBC lightweight crown from Edwin Rosario with a fourth round TKO. photo: Gary Williams

tinued where he had left off in the first round, again dropping Ramirez with a hard right to the jaw. But he then made the mistake of going head hunting against his iron-jawed opponent when he should have been going for the body.

When the bell rang for the start of the third round, it looked like it would only be a matter of a short time before the fight would end in favor of the champion.

The picture, however, changed completely midway through the inning, when two hard left uppercuts visibly shook the Puerto Rican. Ramirez gained new strength at the sight of his hurt and confused rival. He took command, and Rosario appeared to go from high to low gear all at once.

At the end of that third round, the Ramirez corner was elated. "You've got him. Finish him off in this round," exhorted the chief second, Ramon Felix. In the other corner, Siaca was reproaching his charge. "I told you to box him, for God's sake."

The fourth round was a give-and-take affair, with Ramirez doing most of the giving and Rosario most of the taking. Again, it was the left of Jose Luis that did most of the damage. With just a half minute to go in the session, a steady barrage by the Mexican, culminating with a crisp left hook, made Rosario do an about face. Ramirez followed with a fusilade of blows, and referee Steve Crosson called a halt at 2:52.

The crowd was absolutely stunned. It was an electrifying performance by the Mexican, who turned apparent defeat into sudden victory.

"People here underestimated Ramirez, and didn't take into account his narrow points loss to Alexis Arguello. The great Arguello was then at his peak, but Ramirez was still able to drop him in the process." So spoke Ramon Felix.

"It was my toughest fight," Ramirez said. "Rosario surprised me in the first round. I didn't expect him to come out full steam so early, and I have to admit he hurt me both times I was down."

The loser was articulate. "I gave him everything I had, but this guy can really take it and that left of his had me on Easy Street in the third."

All things considered, it was a great fight, and all 11 minutes and 52 seconds were crowded with action.

Afterthought is a great thing because you already have all the answers. The Puerto Rican press was critical of Rosario for not diverting his attack to the body and, possibly, not being in the best of shape. Rosario, however, remained a champion in defeat. "The best man won tonight," he said. "I know my chance will come again in the not distant future."

Julian Jackson kayoed veteran local Santos Solis in the eighth round of the scheduled 10-round semi-final. Jackson, the junior middleweight contender from the Virgin Islands, is still undefeated.

Alberto Mercado halted Julio Guerrero at 2:48 of the second round in their scheduled 10. Guerrero, a junior featherweight, is from the Dominican Republic.

Bantamweight prospect Wilfredo Vasquez knocked out Norgie Castro in 1:17 of the second.

Juan Castro outpointed Juan Rosado, four rounds, junior lightweights.

Jose Tijera outscored Elevid Alvino, four rounds, lightweights.

Title bout judges—Tony Castellano, Chuck Hassett, Rudy Ortega.

Don King Productions.

NBC Sportsworld.

(11-03-84)

MARIO R. MARTINO

Garza. He struggled to get up, but referee Johnny Lobianco counted him out with six seconds left to go in the round.

"I'll be back," said a disgruntled Garza from his locker room after the fight.

Meza, who fought for this crown once before, losing by a sixth round kayo to former champion Wilfredo Gomez on March 27, 1982, has 90 days to defend against number one contender Mike Ayala.

MEZA-GARZA

WBC Super Bantamweight Title

KINGSTON, N.Y.—GOING INTO his title defense against the WBC's number one contender, Juan (Kid) Meza, Jaime Garza had the reputation of a fearful puncher who also possessed a questionable chin—two traits that always lead to exciting, although often short, fights. The unbeaten champion, who entered the ring with a record of 40-0 (38 kayoes) didn't let his reputation down, demonstrating both fearsome power and a glass jaw during the bout's one and only round.

When he beat Bobby Berna for the vacant WBC title in June of 1983, Garza was decked and hurt badly in the first round, only to get up and knock Berna out in the second. This time, Garza came up on the short end of the stick as Meza scored a first round kayo with a wild sweeping left hook that dropped Garza as though he had been hit over the head with a baseball bat.

Garza, 121½, got off to an explosive start, putting Meza to the canvas with a combination in the first 30 seconds of the round. Garza continued the attack, landing several combinations, but Meza recovered quickly, landing several good combinations of his own. Meza was getting the better of the action when, just before the end of the round, he caught Garza leaning in with a vicious left hook. Down went

COSTELLO-MAMBY

WBC Super Lightweight Title

IN A SPORT THAT HAS BEEN crying out for a new superstar since the retirement of Sugar Ray Leonard, several boxers appear positioned to take over Leonard's title as boxing's media superstar. One of those young boxers, Billy Costello, successfully defended his WBC junior welterweight title in his hometown, with a 12-round unanimous decision over former WBC champion Saoul Mamby.

The bout opened slowly with both men feeling each other out. Mamby, 139¼, established his ability to frustrate Costello, 140, slipping his punches and landing with a couple of looping rights.

Costello opened up the second round with a big right hand to the temple, but as would be the case throughout the fight, Mamby was not hurt by the blow. The bout continued along those lines through the sixth round, with Costello trying to force the action and Mamby artfully dodging punches and tying Costello up. Despite his inability to hurt Mamby, Costello clearly won those rounds, building up a huge lead in points midway through the bout.

Costello picked up the pace in the seventh round. Mamby's knees were buckled by a right hand lead midway through the

seventh, and again about 30 seconds later, but he recovered immediately from both and avoided taking any more punishment until the end of the round.

A big right hand in the eighth split Mamby's lip wide open. The pace slowed down for the rest of the round, with Mamby tying Costello up and landing counter punches.

In round nine Costello reopened the cut on the lip with a big left uppercut, and landed several good left hands. The pace continued to slow considerably, a testament to the quick pace set in the early and middle rounds. Two good combinations buckled Mamby's knees late in the round, but he came back and countered well as the frame ended.

The 11th round had by far the best action of the bout. Costello landed a vicious left uppercut early in the round that again opened the cut on Mamby's lip and seemed to hurt him, but Mamby again came back as both fighters traded punches in the center of the ring. A clash of heads late in the round opened a cut over Costello's right eye.

Costello was content to sit on his lead in the 12th round, circling around the ring and jabbing while Mamby pressed the action.

The scoring was as follows: Stuart Kirshenbaum, 119-109; Lou Filipo, 119-109; A.D. Bynum, 118-110—all for Costello. *The Ring* scored it 119-110. The referee was Tony Perez.

The victory upped Costello's record to 29-0 and clearly established him as one of the hottest young fighters around.

"He takes a good punch but he never hurt me," said Costello. "Hel'll feel it tomorrow."

Said Victor Vallee, Costello's trainer, "Billy got a little careless, overconfident sometimes, but he followed the instructions beautifully and that's what won the fight."

For Costello, the sky's the limit with a possible title unification bout against WBA champ Gene Hatcher or even a fight with IBF champion Aaron Pryor in the future. For now, however, the Costello camp is expecting a match with Leroy Haley, who was originally scheduled to fight Costello this time but pulled out the week before claiming an injured hand.

"We have a contract with Leroy Haley," said Costello's manager, Mike Jones. "We expect him to live up to it, just as he would if Billy were injured."

This may be the last hurrah for Mamby, however, who, at 37, has already seen his best days.

"I'll go home and talk with my wife and kids and we'll see. Even if this is the end of my career, I have nothing to be ashamed of. I've never been hurt, knocked down, or stopped."

WBC super lightweight champion, Billy Costello, connects with an uppercut to the chin of Saoul Mamby during their 12 round title fight. **Associated Press Photo**

Former middleweight contender Wilford Scypion, 171½, Houston, Texas, scored a technical knockout over Fernando De Cruz, 173, New York, at 0:29 of the fourth round. Scypion's record improved to 29-5. DeCruz fell to 15-10-1.

Vinnie Costello, 132½, scored an eight-round unanimous decision over Ricky Lehman, 132¼, to improve his record to 12-1. Lehman, a tough customer, fell to 9-3. The scores were 6-2, 6-2, 5-2-1.

Tony Corrado, New Paltz, N.Y., 151, who is trained by former world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, scored a six-round unanimous decision over Terry Young, New York. Corrado, who moves to 8-6, is short on talent but really fights his heart out. Young's record now stands at 5-5.

Kingston's own Steve Petramale, 152, making his professional debut, scored a unanimous four-round decision over Albany's Tony Scarmado, 151. Scarmado was also making his pro debut.

Prelim judges—Carol Castellaro, Luis Rivera, Bernie Friedkin, A.D. Bynum, Lou Filippo, Stuart Kirshenbaum.

Don King Productions. C.B.S.

Site—Mid-Town Neighborhood Center

Attendance—1500 (est.)

(11-03-84)

ERIC GALLY

SANTOS-MEDAL
IBF JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE

NEW YORK, N.Y.—THIS REporter went to the Felt Forum with an eye towards doing a big feature piece on International Boxing Federation junior middleweight champion Mark Medal, a gutsy fighter with a punch who seemed to have all that it took to be a boxing superstar in the near future.

Carlos Santos had other ideas.

Santos, a 29-year-old native of Ceiba, Puerto Rico, had Medal befuddled for most of the evening in their 15-round title contest, using his unorthodox side movements—and his southpaw stance—to win by scores of 146-138 (Frank Brunette), 142-140 (Billy Graham), and 147-139 (Lanny Wallace). *The Ring* tabbed it 144-141, giving Medal a three-point edge in the almost fatal (to the Puerto Rican) 13th session.

An unusually aggressive first round saw Medal down from a quick right-left combo. Santos had not faced many top contenders, but a 15-round decision loss to Wilfred Benitez in 1981 (his lone defeat in 29 previous contests)

evidently taught him plenty. Medal started fast in round two, but Santos held his own and landed a hard punch as the bell sounded.

Medal won the third round with effective body digs, but from then on, until the 12th, it was all Santos. (*The Ring* scored the seventh and ninth sessions even.) Carlos landed punches from all angles in a *tour-de-force* that brought back memories of Azuman Nelson's gallant effort against Salvador Sanchez. Santos, however, scored far more effectively than Nelson did, and cut Medal's right eye along the way.

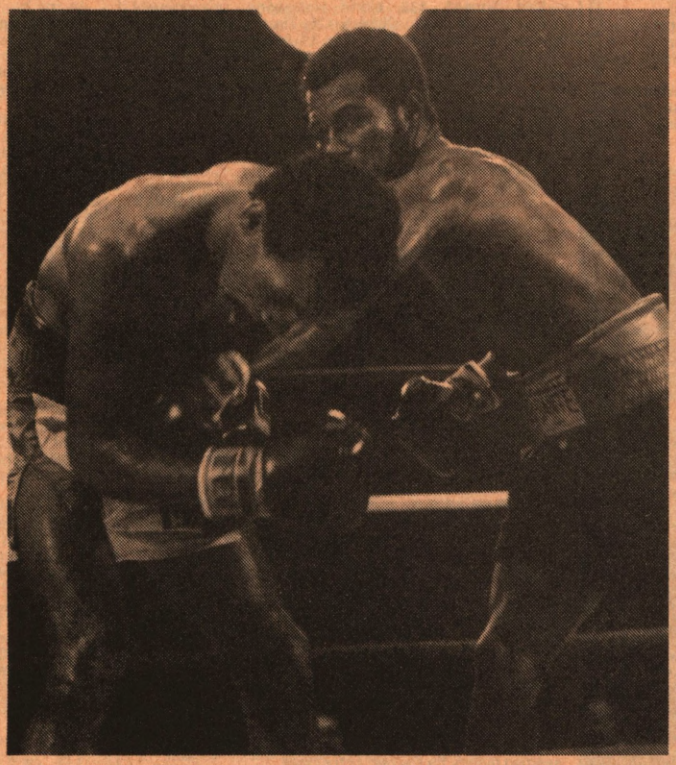
Every time Medal attempted to attack, Santos would move the way the book said not to. It was frustrating to Mark, who later said that he could not get "started." That was evident all night. Carlos' quick little movements in the "wrong" directions, coupled with the punches he tossed from the hip that traveled for two feet before they found their targets, played havoc with the man from Jersey City, who, it was revealed, could use lessons in defense.

Santos' dips, counters, and assorted bag of tricks worked well until the aforementioned 12th round, when Carlos became more cautious, and Medal began to land. Sensing that the time was ripe, Medal went on the attack in the 13th canto, opening a bad cut on Santos' right eyebrow and punishing Carlos almost without any let up until a good right had Medal in trouble in the closing seconds. It was quite a round—and fight.

In the 14th, a rejuvenated Medal went all out and landed a hard left hook that put Santos on the seat of his trunks. Carlos made it up, and drew upon all of his boxing savvy to last out the session. Medal was obviously tired, and, as things turned out, he blew his only chance to win.

Mark tried again in the last inning, but Santos' powers of recuperation proved to be amazing. Carlos landed a good one-two in the opening minute, but a Medal left caused him to stagger and—almost—go down. Again, Santos recovered. Medal won the round, but he had obviously lost the fight.

The thrill of victory. Carolos Snatos raises his arms in triumph following his 15 round decision over Mark Medal for the IBF junior middleweight title. Associated Press Photo



Carlos Santos (right) clips Mark Medal with a left during their bristling encounter. photo: Shelton Minor

The win brought Santos to 29-1 with 21 kayoes. Medal dropped to 23-2 with 20 knockouts, Mark's only previous loss was a first round kayo suffered at the hands of Kevin Perry in only his fourth pro bout.

It had been "one hell of a fight," and New York Athletic Commission Chairman John Branca, seated at ringside with IBF president Bob Lee, could feel proud. The first of three world title fights in New York State within 24 hours came off with a bang. New York is still light years away from the prestige and power it had from 1920 to 1960, but the Empire State is obviously making something of a comeback. Who knows where the thing may end?

Santos weighed 152½; Medal came in at 153½. Joe Cortez was the non-scoring ref.

David Sears, 174½, Howard Beach, N.J., won an uninspired unanimous decision over Billy Saunders, 179, Vineland, N.J., 10. Scoring: George S. Colon, 9-1; Billy Graham, 10-0; Ed Post, 9-0-1. Sears is now 15-0-1 with 10 knockouts. Saunders is 8-7-3. Fred Ucci, referee.

Jeff Roberts, 130, New York, TKO'd Alberto (The Cobra) Ramos, 130½, Brooklyn, at 2:49 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Ramos, a southpaw, went down twice before referee Arthur Mercante called a halt.

Irish Shawn (should that be "Sean"?) Flynn, 154, Jersey City, kayoed a pathetic Pat Esposito, 155¾, Richmond Hill, New York, in 1:51 of the first round in a scheduled four. Esposito entered the ring with a mouse under his right eye. Joe Cortez, referee.

Raymond Reyes, 127, Kew Gardens, won a unanimous decision over Juan Muriel, also 127, New York, four. Scoring: Colon and Graham, both 4-0; Post, 3-1. Fred Ucci, referee.

Anthony (The Baby Tank) Gordon, 160½, Jamaica, Queens, New York, TKO'd Glenn Johnson, 158½, Kingston, New York, at 0:59 of the third round in their scheduled four. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee.

Mike Carbone, 155, Levittown, New York, won a unanimous (all three cards 3-1) decision over David Fields, 160, New York, in the four-round walk-out bout. Arthur, Mercante, Jr., referee. No one stayed to see this except a few scribes and Carbone's neighborhood supporters. The latter made enough noise for 10,000 people.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Ring Announcer—Marvin Goldberg.

(11-04-84)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

►**RESEDA—The Country Club**—Frankie Baltazar, 137, La Puente, kayoed Andres Felix, 135½, Los Angeles, referee Dick Young counting out Felix in 2:22 of the second in a scheduled 10. Baltazar (35-2-1), fighting for the first time in 13 months, floored Felix twice in the second with southpaw lefts.

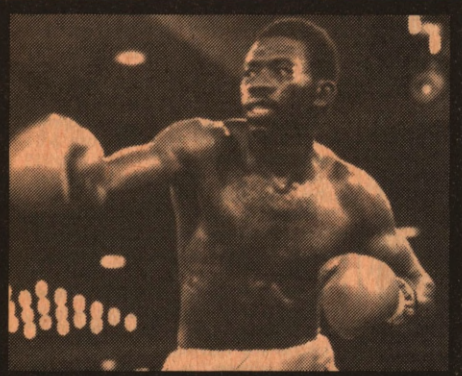
Unbeaten Mario Hollywood, six. Referee Armando Muniz and judges Young and Gwen Farrell all scored 60-54.

Steve Eisenbarth, 237, Houston, TKO'd David Servais, 215, Pasadena, who retired with a hand injury at the end of the third in their scheduled six. Muniz, referee.

Unbeaten Cedric Rose, 146¼, Houston, knocked out mismatched Otis Rodgers, 148, Pomona, in 2:29 of the first in another scheduled six. Rodgers did not want to fight after being dropped by a left. Muniz, referee.

Debuting Lewis Hightower, 174, Orange, unanimously outpointed Danny Murnan, 175, Canoga Park, four. Murnan was down in the first. Scoring: referee Muniz, 39-37; judge Young, 40-35; judge Farrell, 40-37.

Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician
Bill Caplan, ring announcer
Eddie Rodriguez, timekeeper
(10-03-84)



Prince Mama Mohammad

►**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Prince Mama Mohammed, 178½, Hollywood, rated seventh in the light heavyweight division by the WBC, stopped Henry Hearns, 186½, Lancaster, to advance to the finals of the Forum cruiserweight tournament.

Referee Lou Moret intervened at 0:32 of the eighth in a scheduled 10 to save Hearns (16-5), the WBC's seventh rated cruiserweight, from taking unnecessary punishment. The sharp and fast Ghanan (30-1-1) outclassed Hearns, winning every round.

J.B. Williamson, 173¼, Los Angeles, scored another big win when he was awarded an unpopular 10-round split decision over Pete McIntyre, 175¾, Long Beach, in an intriguing but often unexciting battle of world class light heavyweights. Two points taken from the 30-year-old veteran for low blows in the ninth and tenth rounds cost McIntyre the fight. McIntyre controlled the opening rounds with clubbing right hands over the top. The more determined Williamson made it desperately close on volume in the final six rounds. Scoring: referee Robert Byrd, 95-94, Williamson; judge Armando Muniz, 96-95, McIntyre; judge Moret, 95-94, Williamson.

Roman Almaguer, 129½, Chino, battled hard and forced the fight through to hand Rosendo Ramirez, 129½, Los Angeles, his ninth consecutive loss, 10. Some are calling for Ramirez' retirement, but nearly every one of his losses has come up against top quality opposition. Neither Almaguer or the light-hitting Ramirez was able to inflict much damage. Ramirez, a veteran of 80 fights at the age of 28, was still competent enough to win a couple of rounds on *The Ring* scorecard. Scoring: referee Muniz, 100-93; judge Byrd, 98-92; judge Moret, 100-60.

Dee Collier, 202, Los Angeles, avenged a close points loss by unanimously outscoring Nick Delong, 230½, Long Beach, six, not losing a round. Moret, referee.

Fred Guzman, 145½, Ontario, kayoed Art Lizarraga, 147, San Bernardino, referee Byrd counting out Lizarraga at 0:44 of the third in a scheduled four.

Rob Jackson, 160¾, Los Angeles, began his pro career with a stunning knockout over Don Sheppard, 160, Los Angeles, in 2:22 of the second in their scheduled four. Jackson was just about to be stopped when a desperation left hook flattened Sheppard in his own corner. Muniz, referee.

Cliff Gosz. timekeeper
Dr. Bernhard Schwartz, Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physicians
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer
(10-10-84)

►**CULVER CITY—Veteran's Memorial Building**—Gilberto Roman, 115½, Mexicali, stopped Wayne Lynum, 115¾, Chicago, at 2:09 of the second in a scheduled 10. Roman (31-1) knocked Lynum (14-2) down twice in the first and three times in the second. Pat Connolly, referee.

Erick Madrid, 136, Sylmar, remained unbeaten as a pro with a unanimous decision over veteran loser Antonio Guido, 136, Los Angeles, 10. The scores of referee Chuck Hassett (99-92), judge Dr. James Jen-Kin (98-93) and judge Connolly (98-94) were technically correct, but it was Madrid who looked like the loser. Madrid was floored in the first, bled from the nose throughout, and finished with both eyes swollen and badly discolored.

Hard-hitting Tony Willingham, 178, Los Angeles, sensationally kayoed previously unbeaten Lewis Hightower, 177, Anaheim, in 1:15 of the second in a scheduled four. Hightower was floored twice by left-right combinations. Jen-Kin, referee.

Eric Goosen, 132, North Hollywood, unanimously outpointed Heriberto Chavez, 126, Tijuana, in a fast and furious four between a couple of southpaw teenagers. Chavez (1-1) attacked without regard for defense. Goosen (3-0-1) was more in control, but again fought for show and took the kind of punches which will certainly shorten a boxer's career. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 39-37; judge Connolly, 40-36; judge Hassett, 39-37.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
(10-30-84)

DEAN LOHUIS

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

►**WASHINGTON—Convention Center**—Ring's Prospect of the Year, Kenny Baysmore, 129, Washington, D.C., 18-0, won the vacant USBA Junior Lightweight title when his opponent, Freddie Chumpitas, 130, Miami, Fla., with a given record of 22-3, wouldn't come out for the fifth round, claiming a broken nose. His nose showed no signs of being broken, but as one fan put it, Chumpitas showed he had a "store bought heart."

Chumpitas, billed as "the former Continental Champion," was a wholly unqualified contender for the title. He was called in when the much more suitable Antonio Nieves pulled out four days before the bout. Why the new matchup was still even considered being for the USBA title and not reduced from a 12 to a 10-rounder is beyond me.

Baysmore must be given credit for doing the best he could considering the unwillingness of his opposition.

In what has to be considered the evening's real main event, David (Day Day) Grayton, 134, Washington, D.C., 15-3, won a split decision over Al Martino, 136, Washington, D.C., 10-2-1, in a fine 10-rounder.

This reporter scored the bout 97-93 for Grayton.

Martino, who recently lost a tough decision to highly regarded Juan Ramon Cruz, took the first three rounds with a fine, controlled attack working off his right jab.

Grayton, also a lefty and the only man to beat Darryl Tyson, took the fourth by inducing Martino into some old bad habits like trading and lunging with his left.

Martino came back with a fine fifth, but the referee took a point away from him for pushing after the round was over. This seemed to be an unnecessary call, and Martino seemed moody for the rest of the fight.

Both came out hard for the sixth and the classy Grayton worked Martino over with good right hands. In the seventh, a short left sent Martino down, but the referee ruled no-knockdown. "Day Day," although contested, sailed the rest of the way.

In the prelims, James (Ducky) Johnson, 136¼, Wash., D.C., 3-1, won a grueling battle of courage over Mark Harrison, 136, Hillcrest Hgts., Md., six.

Harrison suffered a flash knockdown in the fifth, but it was in the second that Johnson really worked him over. Harrison, however, fought with great heart. His record drops to 0-2.

Pedro Rivera, 138¼, Camden, N.J. moved to 4-0 with a TKO at 2:59 of the fourth and final round over Jerry West, 140, Wash., D.C., 2-3, Rivera scored a tremendous right in the second and West was lucky to pull himself off the canvas. After Rivera's combination in the fourth—that culminated with a whistling left hook—West wasn't as fortunate as before.

Rodney Fennell, 128, Wash., D.C., 2-1, won a unanimous decision over Leroy Brooks, 125¼, Palmer Park, Md., in a four-rounder.

Former WBC junior lightweight Champion Hector "Macho" Camacho, fought a lively three-round exhibition with Kervin Carter.

Promoter—Kenny Leonard.
Matchmaker—J.D. Brown.
Referees—Harry Ceccini, Milton Green.
Judges—Tom Green, Patricia Montgomery, Toni Johnson.
Ring Announcer—Tom Mills.
HTS TV.
(09-22-84)

JOHN SCHEINMAN

FLORIDA

►**TAMPA—Oasis Ballroom**—It was another packed house for Alessi Promotions as popular "Cowboy" Don Shiver won his 15th bout without defeat, taking a unanimous decision over Bruce Jackson.

Shiver, 154¾, Tampa, was in command all the way with his sharp southpaw jab over the defensive-minded Jackson, 150, Stillwater, Ok. Aside from a split lower lip suffered in the third round, the only problem Shiver had was getting Jackson to stand still and fight, something Jackson did not want to do. The official scores were 97-95, 99-94 and 97-96. The Ring card had it for Shiver, 98-93. Shiver is now 15-0 with eight knockouts. Jackson drops to 12-8-1 with six knockouts. The referee was Mike Bogs.

Eight-rounders: Ricky Stackhouse, 161, Atlanta, went to 12-1 with a majority decision over southpaw Cecil Pettigrew, 159, Tulsa, Ok. Stackhouse was down in the fourth after taking a right hook to the face. He was up without a count. Pettigrew, now 19-5-1, looked to be a close winner on The Ring scorecard.

Glenn Wolfe, 147½, Miami, went to 13-0 with a fourth-round TKO of Miami's Robert Manous, 143¼. Manous' reported record is now 12-4-1. Referee: Mike Bogs.

In the only six-rounder on the card and certainly the most exciting and even matchup, Roberto Medina, 135, St. Petersburg, drew with tough Juan Carrion, 137, Miami. Medina had brought a 9-0 record into the fight and an even bigger reputation. Carrion, who came in at 9-3, was a virtual unknown. He continually moved on Medina, though he didn't run. Several heated exchanges took place throughout the contest. The draw verdict was an appropriate one. Referee: Bogs.

Four-rounders: Quick knockouts marked all four of the four-rounders. Eric Holley, 173½, Tampa, knocked out Tim Daniels, 166½, Jasper, Ala., at 1:39 of the second round with a pair of left hooks to the right side. Daniels was down twice in the final round, the last time for the count. Holley is 4-0, Daniels is 2-1-1.

Bernard Gary, 130, Boynton Beach, Fla., went to 3-0 with a third-round stoppage of game but overmatched Gary Edwards, 132, Hertford, N.C. Edwards was making his pro debut. He deserved a better fate than this.

Guy Sonnenberg, 188½, St. Petersburg, made a successful pro debut with a first-round TKO of pudgy Tony Campbell, 192½, Huntsville, Ala., who came in 1-1. The time of the stoppage was :52, after Campbell had been put down, then battered terrifically after getting up. Referee Max Parker.

Charles Owiso, 131¼, Kenya, now living in Fayetteville, N.C., traded knockdowns with James Green, 130, Atlanta, before blasting Green and putting him down for the count in 1:38 of round one. Referee Mike Bogs allowed this one to go on way too long. Both fighters were making their debuts.

For the Shiver-Jackson bout, the USA Network hooked up Shiver's trainer/cornerman, Jimmy Williams, with an earplug and a lapel microphone, so the fans at home could hear everything that goes on in a corner. The experiment worked very well.

Attendance: 1,250
Promoter: Alessi Promotions
Matchmaker: Brad Jacobs
Ring Announcer; M. Mark Beiro
Television: USA Network (taped for viewing on 10-5)
TV Announcers: Al Albert & Randy Gordon
Producer: Gary Dubin
Director: Bruce Treut
10-4-84

JUSTIN LAWRENCE

NEVADA

►**LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel and Casino**—It was one

of the best displays of stamina, courage and will seen in this town in a long, long time. Junior lightweights Tommy Cordova and Freddie Roach stood toe-to-toe for all 12 rounds, neither one "taking off" a round, banging away the full three minutes.

It would have been a good draw, but when it was over Cordova had taken a split decision. Seldom has there been a more hard earned victory.

There were no knockdowns in the bout for the ESPN championship, but the action was continuous and vicious. Both fighters tried the body on occasion, but for the most part the head was the target. Since defense is not the long suit of either fighter, blows bounced off the skull frequently. Heads, too. Cordova, 126¾, Albuquerque, N.M., was penalized one point for butting in the seventh round. That's after having been warned three times in the first two rounds. Roach, 130 (after failing at 130¾ and 130½ to make weight), Las Vegas, Nev., was cut over each eye and on the forehead, but a deep gash near the center of his head, completely covered by hair, was caused by a butt. Young Cordova's a fast learner.

Roach, formerly a world ranked super bantamweight, led after eight rounds, but Cordova came on strong and pulled out the win. Judge Hal Miller scored it 115-113 for Roach, judge Duane Ford had it 114-113 for Cordova and judge Paul Smith, who must have missed a few early rounds when Roach was doing his best work, scored it 117-111 for Cordova.

Roach, originally from Dedham, Mass., now has a record of 34-6 while Cordova is 11-1.

In the second bout on the card promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., and assembled by veteran Las Vegas matchmaker Mel "Red" Greb, welterweight Dio Colome, 146¾, Hawthorne, Calif., was upset in his 12 round bout for another ESPN crown by Eric Martin, 145, San Francisco, by a close but unanimous decision.

Colome, an outstanding teenage prospect, was judged the winner by the crowd in the Showboat Sports Pavilion and most observers at ringside. However, the three judges thought otherwise in what could be termed a "minority decision." Miller and Ford had it 114-113 for Martin and Smith, who didn't have the best of nights, called it 115-112.

Both fighters swapped knockdowns in the first two rounds, Colome going down from a right hand-slip in the first and Martin from a solid left that hurt him in the second.

Martin's record is now 15-3-2 while Colome, originally from the Dominican Republic, slips to 14-2, his first loss since his second pro fight in January, 1983.

In other fights, all six rounders, heavyweight Tony Foster, son of former light heavyweight world champion Bob Foster, stopped Paul Bradshaw, 255, Tucson, Ariz., in the second round by technical knockout. It was the pro debut of Foster, Albuquerque, who weighed 235, about 15 to 20 pounds too much, according to his father. Other winners were veteran light heavyweight Lamont Kirkland, 165¾, Omaha, Neb., by technical knockout in the first round over James Williams, 167½, Phoenix; junior middleweight Sammy Brooks, 149, Tulsa, Okla., by unanimous decision over Victor Hernandez, 149½, Tucson; lightweight Gary Williams, 136, Pomona, Calif., by unanimous decision over Billy Pickard, 138¼, Atlantic City, N.J.; and welterweight Miguel Juarez, 141½, Pomona, by unanimous decision over Jaime Hernandez, 148, Tijuana, Mexico.

NEW JERSEY

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—A solid main event had two Taylors clashing, with Bernard, 126, Knoxville, beating Myron, 126, Philadelphia, by unanimous decision, 12. What started as the gimmicky-sounding brainchild of Myron's manager, Barry Shapiro, Taylor vs. Taylor ended as a battle for the vacant ESPN featherweight title. Otherwise, it was unpromising, with Myron failing dismally in some key matches in the past, and Bernard a "forgotten man" since drawing in a world title bout with Eusebio Pedroza, his only non-winning effort. But this one turned out an unexpectedly fine match.

Myron started confidently, dogging the runner Bernard with sharp hooks. For awhile, it looked like a possible upset, but Bernard had his counters working smartly by the fourth. In the fifth, he started shutting Myron down with effective grabbing. The underdog's last real challenge was met in the sixth, as Bernard showed he could match Myron at infighting as well. After that, Bernard pulled away, as Myron was befuddled by his movement and countering. Lynne Carter voted 7-5, Al DeVito 7-4-1, and Frank Brunette 8-4. The loser thought he was robbed, and, despite the defeat, this wasn't in the mold of Myron's other, disappointing, losses. He put up a good effort. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

The winner offered an interesting viewpoint on his obscurity. "I've been overlooked ... because the knockouts weren't there. There's an art to this game. It's not like 'you hit me and I hit you.' Networks like that. It's like two chickens in the ring. If you want . . . that, go see a chicken fight."

Mickey Goodwin, 173¾, Detroit, sporting an outlandish hairdo, destroyed Bobby Wall, 174, Chesapeake, Va., in just 0:13 of round two in a scheduled eight. Wall, who can't fight a lick despite a glossy record, was crumbled along the ropes for a TKO. Tony Orlando refereed.

Iran Barkley, 160, New York, drubbed John Ford, 158¾, Norfolk, in a scheduled eight. "The Original Man," as Ford calls himself, couldn't come out for the fifth, after a severe pounding. Ref, Cappuccino.

The debut, and probably the career, of Ron David (Roman Davidov), 119½, Jerusalem, was spoiled, losing a unanimous decision to Godfrey Johnson, 122½, Richmond, four. The heralded Israeli amateur star couldn't fight by American standards, and disappointed in a dull bout. Ref, Orlando.

Pat Frazier, 160, New York, and "Rocky Salone" (who's not Italian), 155¼, New York, ended up a unanimous draw, four. Ref, Orlando.

Grady (Thriller) Smith, 170½, Jacksonville Beach, Fla., pounded out a unanimous win over Fred (Hollywood) Jordan, 170½, Portsmouth, Va., who "fought" like his nickname, four. Jordan, also sporting a free-spirited hairstyle, was down in the fourth. Ref, Cappuccino.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.)
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—800 (est.)
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.

(08-23-84)

►**MARLBORO TWP.—Skateway 9 Arena**—This venue hosted the second in a series of once-in-awhile club cards, highlighting prospects from the Plainfield area. Harold (The Shadow) Knight, 131, Plainfield, dropped Tim Daniels, 128½, Trenton, twice in the final round, and scored a unanimous win, eight. Daniels gave Knight a workout, but was shut out on all cards.

Darrow Dudley, 154, Plainfield, beat Clarence Williams, 155½, Easton, via unanimous decision, six.

Tony Saladin, 126, Newark, kayoed Reggie Hill, 130, Paterson, in 1:15 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Tony Coleman, 124, Trenton, took a split decision over JoJo Waller, 120, E. Orange, four.

Stew Burroughs, 154, Flemington, N.J., scored a three-knockdown TKO of Maurice Young, 1:49, Phila., at 1:47 of the first in a scheduled four. Young is a stiff who should be retired.

David Torres, 147, Newark, dropped and TKO'd Michael Palms, 146, Phila., at 1:26 of the second in their scheduled four.

Charlie (B.C.) Williams, 146, Paterson, floored Ray Henson, 143, Jersey City, in the first and second and stopped him at 1:10 of the third in another scheduled four.

Promoter—Qasim Akbar (Express Professional Sports).
Attendance—300. Gross—$2,500 (est.).
Referee—Ted Pick (all bouts).

(08-23-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Johnny Bumphus' emergence as a welterweight didn't portend any major change from his days in the junior division. Bumphus, 147½, Clementon, N.J., won a unanimous verdict over Ralph Twinning, 143, Muskegon, Mich., in an interesting and, at times, dramatic 10. But despite the heavier weight, John's two flaws—lack of punch and chin—were still in evidence. Bumphus had blamed a critical lack of body fat for the loss of his crown, and expected the increased poundage to correct all that.

Johnny started so strong that Twinning, a well-travelled club fighter who didn't really figure as a threat, was nearly out of there in the first. Ralph was catching thunder in a corner when referee Tony Perez began to move, then backed off. "I almost stopped it," Perez admitted. "But after a few seconds, I saw he was okay." Bumphus blamed the ref's action for costing him a quick win. "As soon as he stepped in, I thought the fight was over. If the referee hadn't stepped in, I could have unloaded . . ." But, actually, it was speed and fury, more than real power, that left Twinning wobbling back to his corner.

After that, the ex-champ went for the kayo, almost as if he felt he had something to prove. The gritty Twinning took a battering, but wouldn't budge. Johnny tried going to the body in the fifth, then began bailing out with his punches in the sixth. The tactic almost got John himself kayoed, as Ralph, a southpaw like Johnny, landed a sudden right hook, and Bumphus went down. He later tried to downplay the knockdown, saying, "When I went down, I got right back up and my legs felt strong . . . unlike against Hatcher, when I got up and my legs had nothing." Regardless, he was hurt—nose bloodied—and had to run out the round. From then on, Bumphus showed Twinning a lot of respect, boxing and jabbing his way to victory. Despite winning only the knockdown round (all scores 9-1), the loser looked disappointed at the verdict. He can content himself with giving a much better account than anyone expected.

Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown, 136, Philadelphia, put over a near-perfect left hook to kayo Ezzard Charles Adams, 136, Bellaire, Texas, in only 0:43 of round one in a scheduled 10. Zack Clayton refereed.

Vinnie Pazienza, 137½, Cranston, R.I., kept slick Rich McCain, 138, Philadelphia, too busy trying to duck, and scored a unanimous win in a good eight. Ref, Zack Clayton.

Vinnie Pettway, 140½, Baltimore, floored Joey Soler, 143¼, Elizabeth, in the second, and won a hard-fought unanimous decision, six. Ref, Clayton.

Marvin Garris, 131¼, Philadelphia, got a tough fight from Art Crandall, 131¼, Vineland, but took a unanimous decision, six. Ref, Perez.

John Shea, 131¾, S. Boston, won a majority decision over Charlie Briscoe, 129¾, Phila., four. Ref, Perez.

Promoters—J. Russell Peltz (Sand/Box Promotions), Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmakers—J. Russell Peltz, Harold Moore.
Attendance—800 (est.)
Judges—Frank Brunette, Carol and Tony Castellano.
Timekeeper-Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.

(08-29-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Mario Maldonado, coming off a big loss, met Ricardo Bryant, coming off a big win, with a *pro forma* unpredictable outcome. The erratic Maldonado, 155½, Vineland, who always seems to bounce back, gained the majority win, 10. The sudden knockout scored by Bryant, 155½, Washington, Pa., over Robert Hines in his last bout seemed to have him going for the big punch all night. Unable to set up the slippery Maldonado with the jab, he kept going with one-punch right leads, then would bull the Puerto Rican into the ropes. But Mario fought well with his back to the strands, and generally dictated the action, while Bryant tried to set up the perfect combination. The scores were much closer than the loser deserved: Richard F. Murry, 6-4; Lynne Carter, 5-4-1; Rocky Castellani, 5-5. Randy Neumann refereed.

Jeff Fryman, 139¼, Albany, Ky., kayoed Pat Lyons, 138, St. Marys, Pa., in 2:19 of round seven in a scheduled eight. Despite an unbeaten log, Fryman showed little, in a dull bout, until a sweeping right dropped Pat. With blood pouring from a possibly broken nose, Lyons stayed down for the count. Detroit's Bobby Watson acted as guest referee.

Mark Frazier, 159¾, Philadelphia, and Ron Malek, 156½, Wichita, battled to a split draw in a furious slugfest, six. Frazier landed some counter bombs, but the tough brawler Malek was right on his chest all night. Ref, Neumann.

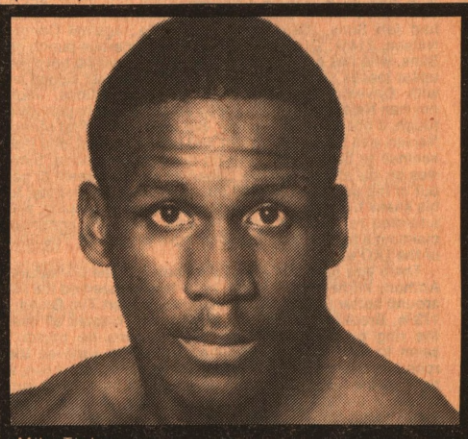
Georgie Navarro, 126, Vineland, was dumped in the second, then had to go all-out to take a close, unanimous verdict over Chester Richardson, 126, Youngstown, six. Ref, Watson.

David Barrow, 160½, Philadelphia, and Anibal Perez, 159¾, Camden, fought a split draw in an action four. "The Good Shepherd Boy," as Barrow is now known, couldn't pull the wool over Anibal's eyes. Barrow started strong, and rocked Perez in the second, but Anibal staged a gritty comeback. Ref, Neumann.

Mark Marciano, 150½, S. River, N.J., out-cuted Paul Emory, 152¼, Reading, for a unanimous decision, four. Ref, Watson.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,300 (est.)
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.

(09-04-84)



Mike Tinley

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International**—Two former ESPN middleweight champions met for the Jersey state crown, and neighborhood "bragging rights" as well. Dark horse Mike Tinley, slowly but steadily improving, had a surprisingly easy time winning a unanimous verdict over Andre (Sugarman) Cooper, 12, for the title vacated by Bobby Czyz when he moved up in weight. "Sugarman," who was once so hot that he was audaciously hailed as a new Sugar Ray Robinson, now appears washed-up. The bad-blood rivalry that had been predicted never materialized, as Cooper's showing was almost a non-effort. Tinley, 158¾, Camden, had predicted he would outbox the dangerous puncher. But he seemed to show Cooper, 159½, Blackwood, who was boss right in the first round. Coming out aggressively, he hurt Cooper early with a left hook, dominated in solid action, then shook off a hard right from Andre, and fought back well to end the round. A confident Tinley had Cooper rocked and looking bewildered from a series of straight rights in the second, and, from there on, the fight was as good as over.

Cooper showed a brief glimpse of power in the fifth, his best round, but otherwise, threw fewer and fewer punches—while looking more and more confused—as the bout wore on. Tinley revelled in his performance, began talking to Andre in the eighth, and drew a warning from ref Frank Cappuccino. Mike stepped up his attack in the ninth, then dropped Andre with a left hook to the ribs that deflated him like a pierced tire in the 10th. Cooper had the courage to get up, then stumbled through the final rounds. Judge Lawrence Wallace scored 9-2-1, Phil Newman 10-2, and Richard F. Murry 10-1-1.

The co-feature overshadowed the main bout, with the comeback of Vito Antuofermo as a junior middle. Despite a successful beverage distributorship, Vito claimed he was bored without boxing. "People get up in the morning and go to work," he said. ". . . My job is fighting." His opponent, Richard Beranek, was an obscure midwest club fighter whose record couldn't even be traced. "I'm positively here to win," he stated. "I'll do anything I can . . ." He wasn't kidding! Vito's return was so inglorious, it could have rivalled "The Harder They Fall" as a call to ban boxing. At his best, there was an art to Vito's brawling. This time, he just brawled, with southpaw Beranek just as artless.

For five ugly rounds of a scheduled 10, clean punches were the least of their offenses. Vito, 155½, Brooklyn, hit on the break and wrestled Beranek to the floor. Richard, 155, Rapid City, S.D., used his forearms as much as his fists. Both butted, shoved, and hit while holding. Referee Vinnie Rainone became so fed up by the fourth that he took the round from both of them! All this roughhouse had Antuofermo bleeding profusely from a cut right eye as early as the second, then along the left side of the nose in the fourth. Beranek gushed blood from his left eye in that same round. After one more session, with both fighters looking like Christians who'd been worked over by lions, it was turning into an embarrassment. The commission had to act, and they did, stopping the bloodbath and adding the cards. Vito won a split decision, 4-1 on Newman's card, and 2-1-2 on Wallace's; Murry had Beranek, 3-1-1. Vito seemed oblivious to the tarnish on his "victory." "I felt much better than usual," he claimed. "I'm very pleased with my performance."

Bertram Buchanan, 156, Bronx, cleared up a controversial win over David Savage, 158¼, Philadelphia, with a clean, unanimous decision in their rematch, six. Ref, Cappuccino.

Lamont Haithcoach, 153, Jersey City, beat Ernest (Kid) Twine, 153, Atlantic City, by unanimous decision in an uneventful six. Ref, Rainone.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—800 (est.)
Timekeeper-Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(09-13-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—A seemingly competitive double 10-round windup produced two unexpectedly brief encounters, but of differing natures. One was an explosive blastout, while the other left a bewildered crowd waiting for an explanation. The latter had Jeff Sims, 209½, Belle Glade, Fla., against Conroy Nelson, 214¼, Ottawa, Canada. The dangerous-punching Sims, who has spent most of his career in limbo between upset losses and managerial changes, had just signed on with Sylvester Stallone's Tiger Eye Promotions. Journeyman Nelson, with an octopus style, figured to provide a tough, if not exciting, evening. But after a slow first round, Nelson was shaken by a right just before the bell, and that seemed to be enough. Coming out for the second, Sims was on the attack, and the Canadian couldn't seem to get out of his own way. Herded into the ropes, he dropped to his knees from a left hook to the body, got up limping, and informed ref Larry Hazzard he was unable to continue, claiming a painful muscle spasm from the punch. The time of the TKO was 2:44.

There was no doubt about the ending in the co-feature. Anthony Witherspoon, 177¾, Philadelphia, seemed the all-around better fighter, as he nearly took apart Tim Broady, 173¾, Brooklyn, in the first. Broady was blasted all over the ring by surgically-sharp combinations he couldn't seem to deal with, and dropped once. Tim survived the round on heart. Then, in the first exchange of round two, a right to the body caused Witherspoon to try to step out, where a perfect left hook was waiting. Anthony was knocked out cold in just 0:20. Joe Cortez refereed.

Jesse Ferguson, 212¾, Philadelphia, may have ended it for once-touted Reggie Gross, 208¼, Baltimore, in a scheduled eight. In an inexplicable move up to heavyweight, Gross showed nothing, and was getting pounded without return in the third when ref Cortez stopped it at 1:49.

Jim Leming, 185, Howell, N.J., upset Tom McGuire, 185¾, Phila., by majority decision in a grueling eight. Once a non-stop brawler, Tom seems to have lost the fire and become a sitting duck. Ref, Cortez.

Anthony Rosser, 156, Philadelphia, dropped Pat Frazier, 159½, New York, got dropped himself, then floored Pat again, all in a wild first. Rosser went on to take a split decision, four. Ref, Hazzard.

An improving Terry Coney, 130, Paulsboro, N.J., held Willie Ford, 129, Phila., to a majority draw, four. Ref, Hazzard.

Promoters—Sand/Box and Tiger Eye Promotions.
Matchmakers—J. Russell Peltz, Harold Moore.
Attendance—300 (est.)
Judges—Frank Brunette, Lynne Carter, Harold Lederman.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-20-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel Casino**—James Kinchen got his first assignment from Dan Duva after leaving Don King for lack of activity. His opponent, Jorge Amparo, also a Duva fighter, was supposed to serve as a tuneup for a major bout against still another of Dan's stable, Alex Ramos. Seems like a tailor-made evening for Kinchen, right? Wrong. The unsung Amparo is sometimes used to test the waters for possible opponents for other Duva fighters, but maybe what he really does is soften them up. After getting the hell beat out of him for 10 rounds, only to be rescued by some bad judging, Kinchen might have wished he was back with King. He got enough "activity" to make up for the last two years.

The rugged Amparo, 163, Paterson, came out aggressively, but not on strength alone. He stalked and set up his punches well. Kinchen, 162, San Diego, was served notice in the very first round that he wasn't being fed a hamburger when a left hook rocked him. James, a precision boxer, at times countered Amparo's charges well, and managed to stay in the fight. But every time "The Heat," as he is known, got going, an Amparo bomb would douse him. He was rattled in the fifth and sixth, and nearly dropped by a right in the eighth after having a good round. The judges then turned a crowd-pleasing battle into a roundly booed disgrace. Al DeVito knew what he was watching with 6-3-1, Amparo. Lawrence Wallace was way off base with 6-3-1, Kinchen. And the normally reliable Frank Brunette rode the fence with 5-5, giving Kinchen a thoroughly undeserved draw. "This decision was reached because Kinchen is ranked and Jorge is virtually unknown," one of Amparo's handlers summarized. Paul Venti refereed.

Buster Drayton, 153¾, Philadelphia, scored an unusual TKO over Terry Holmes, 157, Kalamazoo, in a scheduled 10. Holmes caught Buster by surprise, rocking him with right uppercuts on the ropes in an explosive first. With Drayton ready to fall, Holmes fired a right to the body, jerked back his hand in pain, then was barely able to last the round, as Buster saw his opportunity. The unlucky Holmes had possibly broken his right hand, and was unable to continue after the first. Tony Perez refereed.

Frankie Warren, 142, Corpus Christi, stopped southpaw Oscar Caston, 141¾, St. Louis, who was on his feet but getting hammered, at 1:41 of the fourth in a scheduled eight. Ref, Perez.

Kevin Vieldhouse, 147, Wayne, N.J., edged a narrow split verdict over Tony Corrado, 150, Wappingers Falls, N.Y., in a good six. Ref, Venti.

Chris Reid, 167¾, Little Silver, N.J., buried a dead man in TKOing Pedro Montero, 165½, Franklin Square, N.Y., at 1:24 of the first (two knockdowns) in their scheduled six. Ref, Perez.

Robert Kinchen, 158¼, San Diego, was down in the second but came on to wear out and stop Keith Todd, 156, Philadelphia, at 1:45 of the final round in a crowd pleasing four. Ref, Venti.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—700 (est.)
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-26-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Claiming to be the descendant of a Nigerian "witch doctor," Tony Ojo seemed to put a hex on unbeaten Carl Riskus, in a scheduled 10. The commission wouldn't allow Ojo, 154¾, Falls Church, Va., to enter the ring wearing war paint and a live python, but that didn't stop him from pulling an almost magic victory—seemingly "out of a hat"—over the house favorite. For three rounds, Riskus, 156, Pittsburgh, hammered the daylights out of Ojo, a left hook having him ready to fall when the third ended. But while moving for the finisher in the fourth, Carl was stopped in his tracks by a beltline left hook. The brief lapse of concentration while Riskus glanced at referee Joe O'Neil, was all the advantage Ojo needed. With a clumsy but effective eruption of haymaker rights, he drove the seemingly hypnotized Riskus across the ring, dropping him along the ropes with the help of a shot to the throat. Carl was counted out, choking, at 2:18.

Unsung Roberto (Sugar) Mendez, 150, Philadelphia, turned in another fine win, outclassing blond matinee idol Doug Mallett, 157½, Providence, by unanimous decision, eight. Ref, Steve Smoger.

Tomas DeCruz, 132¼, Sao Paulo, twice dropped outclassed "Wicked" Joe Pickett, 130½, Phoenixville, Pa., in the first and rattled him in the second. But the gutsy Pickett came on to battle the limit, losing a unanimous verdict, six. Ref, O'Neil.

Joey Ferrell, 143¾, Phila., easily dispatched Scott Farmer, 139¾, Manassas, Va., at 2:27 of the second in a scheduled six. Farmer, a house fighter down in Virginia who is used to having the advantages in matchmaking and officiating, was treated rudely here. Belted to the floor twice, he was looking, confused, at ref Smoger when it was stopped.

Mark Marciano, 153, South River, N.J., was awarded a split draw with Chris Riskus, 152, Pittsburgh, when two judges mistook his slap-and-stall tactics for effective fighting, four. Ref, O'Neil.

Jude Cruthers, 155, Pittsburgh, TKO'd an out-of-gas Leroy Wimberly, 149½, Hackensack, who tried unsuccessfully to cop a low blow plea with ref Smoger, at 2:16 of the fourth and final round.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum & Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,000 (est.).
Judges—Phil Newman, Wm. Kostrub, Harold Lederman.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-02-84)

J.R. JOWETT

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel-Casino**—South Paw Bret Summers, 137½, Marysville, Wash. (now boxing out of the Kronk Gym, Detroit) won a unanimous 10-round decision over Eduardo Valdez, 137¾, Newark, N.J. (originally from Colombia). There were no knockdowns. The scores: Lynn Carter and Phil Newman, 7-3; Lawrence Wallace, 6-4. *The Ring* card read 5-3-2, Summers.

Ref Zack Clayton took rounds eight and 10 from Valdez for low blows. These were rounds in which Valdez appeared to be ahead. In round eight, Summers was given the full five-minute rest period after the second low punch of the round.

Bret started quickly, rocking the taller Valdez late in round one. The quicker hands of Summers were scoring points, but his punches were of the push variety; he lacked true power. Eduardo covered well on the ropes in the middle rounds and rattled Summers later in the bout with a right uppercut approach. Some of these strayed south and it well proved damaging to his chances of at least pulling out a draw.

Bret is now 20-0, 11 kayoes, while Valdez is 1-2 in stateside action and 11-6-2, three knockouts over-all.

In a bout originally set for eight, but up-graded to a 10 to share top billing, heavyweights Jose Ribalta and Cecil Coffee fought to a well received draw. The 213¾-pound Ribalta, boxing out of Passaic, N.J. looked to have the edge. The 223¼-pound "Country Boy" Coffee, out of Knoxville, Tenn., pressed the action, but ran into a number of vicious combinations. Coffee was more than willing, and his quick hands abled him to retaliate to keep it close. There were no knockdowns, but Ribalta fought part of the fight with a cut over his left eye.

The scoring: Once again, Carter and Newman agreed, this time at 5-5; Wallace saw it 6-3-1, Jose. *The Ring* had it 6-4, Ribalta. The ref was Steve Smoger. Jose is now 17-1-1, 12 kayoes; Coffee is 15-0-2, 14 knockouts. A rematch will be highly anticipated by the fans.

In a scheduled eight, Willie Harris, 153½, Eagleville, Pa., raised his record to 19-0, 15 via kayo, when he stopped Tony Ojo, 153½, Falls Church, Va., at 1:56 of round two. The stocky Harris landed a long right to deck Ojo near the ropes. He was surely hurt and was dropped again, just before the bell. Twice more Ojo was dropped in the second session before ref Steve Smoger jumped in to stop it.

Three fours filled out the card. Joey Traitz, 193¾, Trooper, Pa., went to 3-0 when he stopped Dwayne Quattlebaum, 184, Phila., Pa., at 1:41 of the second. A "who he" Dwayne was not dropped, but saved from further punishment from ref Smoger.

Monty Sherrick, 130½, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Jorge Ortiz, 133½, Bethlehem, Pa. There were no knockdowns but the bout was plenty entertaining, as the boxer, Sherrick, kept the puncher, Ortiz, at bay for the most part. Both lads were making their pro debuts. The ref was Clayton.

Leroy Owens, 154½, Trooper, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Clarence Williams, 151, Bethlehem, Pa. All cards read 3-1; the only round Williams got was the second when he floored Owens via a right hand. Ref was Clayton. Owens is now 4-0, two by kayo.

Promoter—Top Rank
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson
Ring Announcer—Michael Buffer
(10-18-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel-Casino**—Marvis Frazier, 203½, Phila., came back to the living, breathing and, possibly, contending stage with an easy, yet hard-fought 10-round unanimous win over Bernard Benton, 193¾, Toledo, Ohio.

Marvis took home scores of 10-0 from judge Richard F. Murry and 7-2-1 from both Lynn Carter and Phil Newman in this no-knockdown punchout that was refereed by Vinnie Rainone. *The Ring* had it 9-1, Marvis.

After letting "The Bull," Benton, maul him on the ropes for the first two minutes, it was virtually all Frazier from then on. His quicker hands and versatile style were just too much for the ponderous workmanlike approach of the slower Benton. Frazier hit him with all sorts of punches, and from almost any angle. He befuddled, bewildered and thoroughly outclassed the current USBA cruiserweight champion. Benton kept coming and Frazier kept landing. The winner now goes to 12-1, eight via stoppages, while Bernard falls to 15-2-1, seven via the short route.

In a companion 10, Carl (The Truth) Williams, 223¼, White Plains, N.Y., got off the canvas twice in round one and then proceeded to box his way to a convincing unanimous decision over James (Quick) Tillis, 211¾, Tulsa, Okla. Lynn Carter had it 8-2; Richard F. Murry, 7-3; Phil Newman, 9-1. Williams hurt Tillis in round three with a right hand to the ribs. That was basically it for Tillis, as "The Truth" took control. The ref was Steve Smoger, who found it awful difficult, at times, untying these two big men.

Williams is now 16-0, 12 kayoes. Tillis slipped further out of the heavyweight picture and now stands at 30-5.

In a scheduled eight, Rodney Frazier, 200, Phila., kayoed Mike Sam, 189½, Lafayette, La., in 1:30 of round three. Sam was dropped twice in that round. The ref was Rainone. Rodney, a first cousin of Marvis, is now 11-0, nine kayoes.

In a scheduled six, Georgie (Go Go Macho) Navarro, 128¾, Vineland, N.J. upped his record to 7-1 (four kayoes) when he stopped Derrick Wilkerson, 128½, Phila., at 2:05 of the third. Derrick was down once in that round before ref Smoger leaped in to stop it.

Three fours rounded out the show. George Brooks, 141, Lancaster, Pa., knocked out Pedro Maisonet, 138½, N.Y.C., in 1:10 of round two. Maisonet was floored once. The ref was Smoger.

Tom Quinn, 161¾, Phila., stopped southpaw Tony Freeman, 159¾, Chester, Pa. when Tony could not continue after the third round. Freeman was not knocked

down; having not fought in more than three years (and this only his second bout), he was just out of gas. Ref was Rainone.

Kevin Watts, 160¼, Pleasantville, N.J. unanimously decisioned Osley Silas, 159¾, Hillcrest Heights, Md. There were no knockdowns. Ref was Smoger. Watts is now 7-1; Silas 4-3-3.

Promoters—Round One Productions (Jeff Levine), Joe Hand.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

(10-23-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel-Casino**—Terrance Alli, 137, N.Y.C., won a 10-round unanimous decision over Victor Babilonia, 136½, Miami Beach, Fla. The scores were: Richard F. Murry, 10-0; Carol Castellano and Frank Cairo agreed with *The Ring* scorecard at 9-1. The only round that Babilonia got was the fifth. The referee was Rudy Battle. Alli was not defending his ESPN (cable TV) lightweight title.

It was a rather frustrating night for the energetic Alli. Victor spent most of the evening in reverse gear. On occasion, he was able to stop and score with some quick punches to a startled but unhurt Alli. Babilonia was hurt in round four but showed some fighting spirit by rallying at the end and it carried over into the next session.

In the 10th, Victor was cut along the left eye and then dropped just before the finishing bell by a left that was half hook, half uppercut. Alli now goes to 24-2-1, 11 kayoes; Babilonia falls to 19-4, 13 knockouts.

In a semi 10, Chris (The Southern Rebel) Calvin, 135, Nashville, Tenn., stopped Forrest Winchester, 136¼, Columbus, Ohio, at 0:54 of the fourth.

This was a right-hand-punches fight and Calvin landed the bigger bombs, dropping Winchester once in the third and twice more in the next round before ref Tony Orlando halted matters.

In fairness to Winchester, he took this bout on two days' notice. Nevertheless, he was contemplating retirement afterwards. Calvin is now 15-3-1, with 14 via kayoes; Forrest fell to 16-4-2, 11 knockouts.

In an opening eight, Grady Smith, 173, Philadelphia, boxed smartly to win a unanimous decision over Clarimundo DeSilva, 173, Sao Paulo, Brazil. The ref was Battle. Scores: Cairo had it 6-1-1, Murry and Castellano agreed at 6-2. DeSilva was floored in round seven. Smith is now 6-0, only one by the stoppage route.

Two six-round bouts started and ended the card. Randy Jenkins, 157½, N.Y.C., stopped Rocky Salone, 158¼, N.Y.C. at 1:50 of round two. There were no knockdowns, but Salone was taking a beating in a neutral corner just before ref Tony Orlando halted it.

David Savage, 159, got a unanimous decision over fellow Philadelphian David Barrow, 159. There were no knockdowns in this bout, refereed by Orlando.

Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.

(10-24-84)

Rickey Parkley gives thanks following his upset victory over Renaldo Snipes.

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino**—Rickey Parkey, 189, Atlantic City, won a 10-round split decision over Renaldo (Mr.) Snipes, 218¼, Bronx. Little Rickey ran rings around the big Renaldo and, for his crafty effort, should have been rewarded with all the votes. Snipes, out of action for 13 months, started slowly and then gathered some steam (sweeping rounds three and four on all cards) before letting a recharged Parkey off the hook in the later rounds. Scores: Al DeVito, 6-3-1, Snipes; John Stewart, 5-4-1 and Ray Hoagland 6-3-1, Parkey. *The Ring* agreed with Hoagland.

The referee was Frank Cappuccino. Parkey is now 11-2 with 8 knockouts. Snipes, now at 23-5-1 with 11 knockouts. He was announced as having donated his entire purse to two charities for children.

NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION

(As of October 25, 1984)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
James Broad (New Jersey)
USBA Champion
David Bey (Pennsylvania)
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Mike Weaver (California)
3. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
4. Trevor Berbick (Nova Scotia)
5. Greg Page (Kentucky)
6. Mitchell Green (New York)
7. Jeff Sims (Florida)
8. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
9. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
10. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
11. James Smith (North Carolina)
12. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
13. Piza Fiani (Utah)
14. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
15. Carl Williams (New York)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Anthony Davis (California)
USBA Champion
Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
1. Alfonso Ratliff (Illinois)
2. Richie Kates (New Jersey)
3. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
4. S.T. Gordon (Washington)
5. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)
6. Bashiru Ali (California)
7. Henry Hearns (California)
8. Broderick Mason (Pennsylvania)
9. Tony Green (Florida)
10. Vic Valentino (New Jersey)
11. Rickey Parkey (New Jersey)
12. Elijah Tillery (New York)
13. Tim Thomas (Colorado)
14. Alex DeLucia (Oregon)
15. Dorcey Gambino (Florida)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Willie Edwards (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
Eddie Davis (New York)
1. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
2. Dwight Muhammad Qawy (New Jersey)
3. Pete McIntyre (California)
4. Tim Broady (New York)
5. David Sears (New York)
6. J.B. Williamson (California)
7. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
8. Prince Mama Muhammad (California)
9. Oscar Rivadeneyra (California)
10. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
11. John Davis (New York)
12. Steve Traitz (Pennsylvania)
13. Jerome Clouden (Louisiana)
14. Roddy McDonald (Ontario)
15. Charles Singleton (Pennsylvania)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
NABF Championship
Vacant
USBA Champion
Alex Ramos
1. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
2. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
3. James Kinchen (California)
4. Don Lee (Indiana)
5. Alex Hilton (Quebec)
6. John Collins (Illinois)
7. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
8. Doug DeWitt (New York)
9. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
10. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
11. Mike Olajide (British Columbia)
12. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
13. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
14. Donald Bowers (Michigan)
15. Delbert Williams (Oregon)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
USBA Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
2. Davey Moore (New York)
3. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
4. Fred Hutchings (California)
5. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
6. Richard Greene (Oregon)
7. Ricardo Bryant (Pennsylvania)
8. Gonzalo Montez (Mexico)
9. sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
10. Mario Roybal (California)
11. Thomas Smith (Texas)
12. Don Shriver (Louisiana)
13. Troy Darrell (New York)
14. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
15. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)

WELTERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Pedro Villela (New York)
USBA Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
2. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
3. David Hilton (Quebec)
4. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
5. Simon Brown (D.C.)
6. Floyd Mayweather (Michigan)
7. Rudy Hernandez (California)
8. Lupe Aquino (Mexico)
9. Pipino Cuevas (Mexico)
10. Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
11. Lanny Edmond (Michigan)
12. Sanford Ricks (New Jersey)
13. Robert Rucker (New York)
14. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
15. Diomedis Colome (California)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Ronnie Shields (Texas)
USBA Champion
Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
1. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
2. Aaron Pryor (Ohio)
3. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
4. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
5. Joe Manley (New Jersey)
6. Saoul Mamby (New York)
7. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
8. Efren Olivo (Texas)
9. Mitchell Julian (California)
10. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
11. Kel Robin (Florida)
12. Pat Jefferson (Oregon)
13. Tony Baltazar (California)
14. Willie Rodriguez (Pennsylvania)
15. Terry Whitaker (Illinois)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
USBA Champion
Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
1. Harry Arroyo (Texas)
2. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
3. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
4. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
5. Hector Camacho (New York)
6. Kenny Bogner (New Jersey)
7. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
8. Terrance Alli (New York)
9. John Montes (California)
10. Rocky Montoya (Mexico)
11. Melvin Paul (Louisiana)
12. Charlie Brown (New Jersey)
13. Remo DiCarlo (Ontario)
14. Lionel Johnson (Pennsylvania)
15. Nick Furlano (Ontario)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Guy Villegas (Oregon)
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Frankie Baltazar (California)
2. Roger Mayweather (Michigan)
3. Bobby Chacon (California)
4. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
5. Dennis Cruz (New Jersey)
6. Margarito Marquez (Texas)
7. Louie Burke (New Mexico)
8. Ron Gary (Indiana)
9. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
10. Efrain Nieves (Wisconsin)
11. Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
12. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
13. Billy White (Texas)
14. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
15. Cubanito Perez (California)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Jackie Beard (Michigan)
USBA Champion
Irving Mitchell (California)
1. Ruben Castillo (California)
2. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
5. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
6. Jose Caba (Hawaii)
7. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
8. Dana Roston (Nevada)
9. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
10. Jorge (Rocky) Garcia (Calif.)
11. Benjie Marquez (Michigan)
12. Steve Cruz (Texas)
13. Adrian Arreola (California)
14. Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
15. J.L. Ivey (Michigan)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Mike Ayala (Texas)
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
2. Antonio de la Paz (Mexico)
3. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)
4. Martin Castro (Mexico)
5. Celso Munoz (Mexico)
6. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
7. Juan Veloz (New York)
8. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
9. Carlos Flores (Texas)
10. Sylvester Kennon (Missouri)
11. Pascual Arranda (Texas)
12. Leo Martinez (Mexico)
13. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
14. Hector Cortez (Mexico)
15. Arnel Arrozal (Oregon)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
USBA Champion
Gaby Canizales (Texas)
1. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Harold Petty (Texas)
4. Hurley Snead (Michigan)
5. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
6. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
7. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
8. James Manning (Oregon)
9. James Pipps (Texas)
10. Jeff Chandler (Pennsylvania)
11. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
12. Ronnie Navarrete (Hawaii)
13. Roberto Ramirez (Mexico)
14. George Garcia (California)
15. Rodolfo Martinez (Mexico)

FLYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Alfonzo Gonzalez (California)
USBA Champion
Joey Olivo (California)
1. Eleoncio Mercedes (Mexico)
2. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
3. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
4. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
5. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
6. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
7. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
8. Mario Gonzalez (Mexico)
9. Ernesto (Che) Guevara (Mexico)
10. Enrique Aguilar (Mexico)
11. Raul Valdez (Mexico)
12. Mario Savala (California)
13. Felix Marquez (Connecticut)
14. Armando Cordova (Mexico)
15. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
NABF Championship
Vacant
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
3. Joey Olivo (California)
4. German Torres (Mexico)
5. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
6. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
7. Babe Luis II (Mexico)
8. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
9. Luis Hernandez (Mexico)
10. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
11. Aaron Garcia (Mexico)
12. Javier Davila (Mexico)
13. Candelario Carmona (Mexico)
14. Fili Gonzalez (Mexico)
15. Ricardo Sosa (Mexico)

Robert Folley, 176, Irvington, N.J., took an eight-round unanimous nod over Jim Jennings, 176, Houston, Texas. Folley, in his usual mechanical and boring approach, had control all the way. The ref was Ted Pick.

In an opening four, Bert Cooper, out of the Frazier stable, stopped no account Mark Young, 211¾, Buffalo at 2:18 of round two. The 190-pound Philadelphian put Young down in that round and had him ready to go again before ref Cappuccino leaped in to stop it.

Two six-rounders filled out the card. Victor Flores, 132, Philadelphia, stopped Emilio Diaz, 135, Newark, N.J. at 2:23 of the fifth. Diaz took a count in the last round from Cappuccino and then it was over. Larry McCall, 158¾, Cincinnati, Ohio, got a majority nod over Gary (The Philly Kid) Roemhild, 155¼, Philadelphia. Roemhild landed many a low blow, while McCall was cute on defense. Ref Pick started the bout; but he had some emergency tailoring come up and Cappuccino finished up.

Promoters—Elbaum, Menas.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucchianico.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-30-84)

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel-Casino—Just a workout win, but nevertheless, Bump City was disappointed he couldn't kayo his man in order to silence critics. Johnny Bumphus, 147½, Clementon, N.J., won an oh-so-easy (and boring) 10-round decision over three-day sub Martine Rojas, 146¾, Miami Beach, Fla., by way of Colombia, South America.

The Ring and the three judges all had it 10-0 for the switch-hitting former WBA junior welterweight champion. The ref was Paul Venti. Rojas suffered some small cuts around his left eye early in the bout but they were of no major concern. Johnny said that he hurt his right hand in the fourth round.

With the win, Johnny raised his mark to 24-1 with 16 kayoes. A possible match-up with Tommy Ayers is being shopped. Bumphus needs a win over a rated welter to reclaim his lustre.

Chris Reid, 166¾, Little Silver, N.J., won a six-round unanimous decision over game Ralph Smiley, 168¼, Ithaca, N.Y. The ref was Randy Newmann.

Steve Little, 150, Reading, Pa., won a six-round unanimous decision over John Herbert, 148½, Bridgeport, Pa. Ref, Newmann.

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Olympic trials competitor Ronnie Essett, 161½, Indianapolis, Ind., stopped Carl Dixon, 165, Lancaster, Pa., at 0:37 of round three in a scheduled four. It was the pro debut for Essett. There were no knockdowns. Ref was Venti.

Art (Moose) McCloud, 177, Philadelphia, stopped Renaldo Torres, 168, Miami Beach, at just 0:50 of the first. There were no knockdowns; Torres was trapped in his own corner and ref Venti saved him from further punishment. It was scheduled for six.

Roger McCane, 157½, Tacoma, Wash., won by disqualification at 0:41 of round three against Dennis Johnson, 157½, Philadelphia. Too many low blows by Johnson persuaded ref Newmann to declare McCane the winner. It was scheduled for four. Both boxers are southpaws and Roger, who is presently staying with Bumphus (they are both natives of Tacoma), was making his pro debut.

In a double pro debut set for four, southpaw Rocky Rosas, 138, Passaic, N.J., got off the deck in round one to stop Rigoberto McClean, 137, Brooklyn, via Panama, at 1:18 of the third. McClean was also down in round two. Ref, Venti.

Promoter—Main Events.
Judges—Harold Lederman, Rocky Castellani, Frank Brunette.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-31-84)

JACK OBERMAYER

PENNSYLVANIA

ALLENTOWN—Holiday Inn West—Larry Holmes lent support to local promoter John Florio in an effort to give the game a boost in the Lehigh Valley. Though the main event was a bore, a lively undercard made up for it. On top, Mark Holmes, 165, Easton, made one of his occasional appearances to win a waltz over veteran survivor Larry McCall, 162, Cincinnati, 10. The scores, unanimous for Holmes, reflected the competitiveness of the bout: Carol Polis, 50-42; Tony Wolfe, 50-40; Joe Sweeney, 50-35. Mike Mittman refereed.

Bobby Johnson, 134¼, Easton, won a unanimous decision over Rich McCain, 137, Philadelphia, in a good eight. Ref, Mittman.

Juan Ward, 148¼, Allentown, outboxed James Dixon, 150, Philadelphia, to take a unanimous win, four. Ref, Mittman.

A.D. Wiggins, 136, Allentown, destroyed comebacking Rocky Gadson, 137, Flemington, N.J., with a whirlwind attack for a three-knockdown TKO at 2:56 of the first in a scheduled four. Ref, Mittman.

In a rousing comedy bout, Mike Mohn, 195, Shillington, Pa., was served a healthy portion of turkey in John Vellutata, 269½, Marlton, N.J. John was exhausted and down three times—though none were official knockdowns—when referee Wolfe stopped it at only 2:44 of the first in a scheduled four.

Curtis Roach, 138, Reading, and Richie Lovell, 134½, Easton, battled to a majority draw, four. One vote to Lovell. Ref, Wolfe.

George Kratzer, 157½, Allentown, outboxed slugging Paul Emory, 156, Reading, to gain a unanimous win in a good four. Ref, Wolfe.

Stanley Robinson, 179, Philadelphia, outfought "Stingray" McCarthy, 176¼, Easton, to gain a majority decision in a four-round war. Ref, Wolfe.

Promoter/matchmaker—John Florio (Four Corner Promotions).
Attendance—600. Gross—$7,500 (est.).
Timekeeper—Elise Lashe.
Announcer—Joe McHugh.
(08-18-84)

WAYNE—Covered Wagon Inn—On the verge of signing a promotional contract with Sylvester Stallone's Tiger Eye Productions, heavyweight hopeful Kip Kane may have muffed his "screen test" by struggling to a unanimous draw with Robert Hill, eight. The action was brisk, no huff, puff, and grab stalling. But Kane, 216, Columbus, Ohio, waited too much, letting the psyched-up Hill, 196, Philadelphia, set the pace—nailing Kane with sucker rights. Kip did show a steady body attack, but many of his shots were of dubious legality. When he did hurt Hill, with a right in the second and a left hook in the seventh, Kane failed to follow up. "What did you see him hit me with, except a lot of wild and sloppy punches?" he queried later. Unfortunately for Kip, they were points.

Dom Parris, 161, Phila., stopped Sidney Outlaw, 161, Phila., at just 0:24 of the first in a scheduled six. Sidney walked into a short right counter, and, upon arising, made the mistake of turning to his corner instead of facing the ref; he got a quick thumb.

Joey Soler, 146, Elizabeth, took a unanimous decision over James Dixon, 145, Philadelphia, in a hard-fought six.

Brian McGinley, 144, Fishtown (Phila.), scored an explosive one-punch kayo of Chris Guest, 150, Philadelphia, in 2:26 of the first in a scheduled four.

Greg Haley, 157, Mont Clare, Pa., stopped an exhausted Melvin Waites, 150, Phila., on his feet at 2:37 of the second in their scheduled four.

John (Buckwheat) Farina, 116, Upper Darby, twice dropped Ron Newby, 114, Phila., for a TKO at 0:47 of the first in another scheduled four.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz.
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—500. Gross—$6,500 (est.)
Judges—Al Morris, Lynne Carter, Joe Sweeney.
Referee—Frank Cappuccino (all bouts).
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Announcer—Bill DiDizzio.
(09-25-84)

PHILADELPHIA—Champ's Camp—This gym returned with their second season of excellent club cards, despite mediocre attendance the past year. Their fine main event, Broderick Mason vs. Pat Cuillo, fell out, but the show went on with an all-prelim card.

Glen Costales, 141, Willingboro, N.J., returned and looked good, stopping Stan McDougal, 136½, Phila., not out for the fourth round of a six. Costales, a once-promising youngster who laid off after being kayoed, punished McDougal with a crushing body attack. Charlie Sgrillo refereed.

Improving Rodney Moore, 134½, Phila., stopped Larry Highsmith, 130½, Trenton, at 2:11 of the third in a scheduled six. Larry protested, but he was floundering like a beaten fighter when ref Bob Polis halted it.

Amateur star Georgie Brooks, 142, Lancaster, debuted, but had to come off the floor in the second to squeak out a majority decision over Chris Bajor, 147, Kensington, in an excellent four. Ref, Sgrillo.

Luis Diaz, 131, Philadelphia, outhustled rookie Mike Brown, 130½, Phila., to gain a split verdict in a good four. Ref, Polis.

Lefty Blaine Garner, 128, Philadelphia, counterpunched out a unanimous win from Jose (Indio) Luna, 126, Phila., in a mauling four. Ref, Sgrillo.

David Savage, 163, Philadelphia, TKO'd nothing much in Rodney Ferguson, 160½, Phila., who flopped twice in 1:35 of the first in a scheduled four. Ref, Sgrillo.

"Junior Honeyboy" Walker, 142, Philadelphia, TKO'd an off-the-street Larry Jones, 144½, Phila., who fell at 1:27 of the first in their scheduled four. Ref, Polis.

Promoter/matchmaker—Barry Shapiro.
Attendance—350. Gross—$4,200 (est.)
Judges—Adalaide Tyndale, Al Morris, Joe Sweeney.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(09-28-84)

READING—Sheraton Berkshire Inn—Pro boxing returned to Reading after an absence of some 20 years, with an outstanding card of mostly area ex-amateurs debuting in competitive bouts. The promoters certainly weren't guilty of chauvinism, as hometowners only went 1-2-1.

Steve Little, 151½, Reading, TKO'd "Charlie Johnson," 157, "Bethlehem," at 1:44 of the fourth in a scheduled six. Actually, "Johnson" was rumored to be well-travelled Philly stiff Bob Saxton, a/k/a "John Saxton" and "Saxon Boykin." (Writer K.O.-J.O. yelled "Saxton!" and the fighter looked over. Gotcha, Bob!) At least he stood up and gave Little a workout, but he was badly out of shape, and finally dropped from exhaustion. Mike Mittman refereed.

Scott (Little Red) Derr, 133, Shillington, Pa., and Jose Espada, 125, Reading, slugged to a split draw in a bristling six. Showboating away the fifth round probably cost Espada the win. Tony Wolfe refereed.

Ex-collegiate champion Jimmy Ruoff, 161½, Shillington, TKO'd shaven-headed baddie Pat Smiffy, 170, Pottstown, who failed to come out for the fourth and final round of a slugfest. Wolfe refereed.

Donald Lane, 159, Allentown, won a unanimous decision over Ron Mayo, 160, Reading, four. Lane slipped punches well, and shows promise. Ref, Mittman.

Todd Englehart, 153, Lebanon, kayoed a stiff, Rudy Johnson, 156½, Philadelphia, in 2:53 of the second—one knockdown—scheduled four. Referee, Wolfe.

Jose Rivera, 109, Allentown, kayoed Bennie Montanez, 116½, Reading, in 1:45 of the second in their scheduled four. Bennie started sharp, but wilted, and was looking to his corner when nailed by a right-hand bomb. Ref, Mittman.

Southpaw Gustavo Lopez, 130½, Lancaster, looked good with a unanimous win over game Mike Vega, 138½, Allentown, four. Vega was down in the first, but made a fight of it. Wolfe reffed.

Promoter/matchmaker—Bob (Link) Kline, Rich Ormsby (K. & O. Boxing).
Attendance—400. Gross—$5,500 (est.).
Judges—Gus Daniels, Joe Talarico, plus referee not in ring.
Timekeeper—Elise Lashe.
Announcer—Joe McHugh.
(10-05-84)

J.R. JOWETT

PUERTO RICO

PONCE—Junior middleweight Carlos Santos encountered little difficulty in polishing off Ray Izaguirre in the first round. This was Santos' second kayo in local rings in less than two months but the quality of his opposition must improve if he is to qualify for a title match in this division. There is no doubt that he has the talent but he has been quite unlucky in getting opponents. A scheduled title match with I.B.F. champion Mark Medal fell through because the financial arrangements promised were not fulfilled and the Medal people pulled out. Medal, who is of Puerto Rican parents, was more than anxious to display his wares here on the island. However Ismael Leandry of the local Pavilion Sports Promotions retired his offer for the Medal-Santos fight because the date scheduled would conflict with the Wilfredo Gomez-Azumah Nelson fight projected for September 29th.

In a second ten round Miami based Terry Kemp was no match for local bantam Julian Solis. Solis who is shooting for a title match with W.B.C. Champion Alberto Davila polished off his aggressive opponent in two heats.

A third ten rounder saw welter Jose Vallejo stop veteran Santos Solis with a left right hook combination in the second round.

In scheduled eight rounds junior middleweight William Machado kayoed Ivan Vazquez in the third.

In six junior feather Ramon Cruz won a one sided affair against Hector Baez.

In fours:

Feather Hector Estoda kayoed Carlos Osorio in 2. Junior Welter Elevi Albino won a split verdict from Jose Sostre.

Junior middleweight Felix Quiñones Falu won over Jorge Marin.

CAROLINA—Junior lightweight contender Rafael Solis made his first start since losing to Hector Macho Camacho by scoring a rather easy one round knockout over Anthony Cunningham of Miami. Anthony was more Ham than Cunning and was an easy prey for Solis. He talked a good fight when he was presented to the boys from the press but failed dismally in a fight that failed to satisfy the fans.

In a companion ten rounder featherweight Bernambe suffered an upset defeat at the hands of Dominican Danilo Cabrera. Danilo was in trouble early in the fight but survived to score a knockout in the fifth.

A third ten saw Aristides Merced score a unanimous victory over Esteban Soto.

In four round bouts:

Junior lightweight Gilberto Maldonado and Jose M. Rosado fought to a draw.

Junior lightweight Jose R. Molina scored a one round kayo over David Diaz.

Lightweights Gabriel Clemente and Eduard Molina fought to a standstill.

TRUJILLO ALTO—One time junior welter prospect Domingo Ayala returned to ring wars after a lengthy inactive period and scored a ten round decision over tough Reinaldo Hernandez. Ayala, who sports a kayo victory over former world titleholder Bruce Curry had a difficult time with Reinaldo and had to go all the way to take a split verdict.

Undefeated junior lightweight Miguel Santana-Torres scored a two round kayo victory over Jose L. Rivas in the semi final eight.

In another scheduled eight junior welter Wally Torres Rios scored a fourth round kayo victory over Manuel de Jesus.

In a scheduled six junior featherweight Aristides Acevedo had no trouble in stopping Rafaelito Mercedes in the sixth and final heat.

In four round bouts:

Junior feather Gilberto Maldonado won a decision over Georgie Martinez.

Junior flyweight Jose Ruiz won a unanimous decision over Elias Cruz.

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retained his Canadian middleweight by stopping Deano Clavet, 160, La Salle, Quebec, at 2:56 of the 12th and final session. Guy Jutras, referee.

Matthew Hilton, 158¼, Montreal, won a unanimous (100-94, 99-92, 100-90) decision over Sam Gervins, 151, Columbus, Ohio, 10. Tony Crivello, referee.

Pierre Huneault, 136, Hull, Quebec, won a majority decision over former Canadian champion Gaetan Hart, 137½, Buckingham, Quebec, 10. The scores were 99-93, 99-93, and 96-96. Richard Doutre, referee.

Andy Formagie, 174, Montreal, won a majority (39-39, 40-36, 40-37) decision over Ralph Miller, 169, Columbus, Ohio, four. Gerry Simpson, referee.

Daniel LeMay, 152¼, Montreal, won a unanimous (all three cards 40-36) decision over Karl Wright, 154¼, Montreal, four. Richard Doutre, referee.

Pasquale Procopio, 126½, Montreal, kayoed Gaetan Paquette, 124¼, Hull, Quebec, in the second round in their scheduled four. Tony Crivello, referee.

Judges—Groulx, Nadeau, Theroux, Greene, LaPointe, LaVallee.

Timekeeper—Emile Miron, Nick Nichilo.

Ring Announcer—Robert Rivest.

Ringside Physicians—Pierre Meunier, Louis LeClerc.

Promoter—Henri Spitzer.

Attendance—7,211.

(10-14-84)

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

►**ENSENADA**—Cholo Montejano, 136, stopped Benjamin (Benny) Abarca, 137, in five. Rocky Alonso, 114, halted Jose Lopez, also 114, in four.
(09-07-84)

►**TIJUANA**—Ramon Flores, 125, outpointed Sergio (Chocolate) Zambrano, also 125, 10.
(09-11-84)

►**MEXICALI**—Herman Montes, 147, kayoed Jorge Vaca, also 147, in the second. Alejandro Lopez, 134, won by a disqualification over Gerardo Hernandez, 135, in four.
(09-18-84)

►**ENSENADA**—Andres (Carita) Sandoval, 136, iced Cholo Montejano, 135, in one. Othoniel Lopez, 125, nailed Carlos Hernandez, also 125, in the second. Iddi Amin Hernandez, 134, chilled Nicolas Vega, 135, in six.
(09-27-84)

CAMPECHE

►**CHAMPOTON**—Dinamita Delgado III, 112, disposed of Mario Manzanero, 111, in the third round. Cachorro Cardenas, 137, outscored Roger Martinez, 136, four.
(09-22-84)

CHIHUAHUA

►**JUAREZ**—Daniel Zaragoza, 118, retained his Mexican bantamweight title when Jorge Ramirez, also 118, was disqualified in the 10th session. Santos (Apacho) Moreno, 133, TKO'd Rafael Velarde, 134, in nine.
(09-21-84)

DURANGO

►**DURANGO**—Joe de Anda, 117, TKO'd Gil Canchola, 148, in three. Ramiro (Rudy) Lozano, 135, flattened Jesus (Puma) Quinones, also 135, in seven.
(09-28-84)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

►**MEXICO CITY**—Agustin Macias, 109, TKO'd Alejandro Sanabria, 109, in six. Carlos Dominguez, 109, TKO'd Javier Ruiz, 108, in eight. Vicente Velazco, 123, demolished Juan Martinez, 124, in one. Jorge Morales, 117, TKO'd Luciano Ramirez, also 117, in three. Eduardo Maya, 114, TKO'd Felix Solano, 113, in two.
(09-05-84)

►**MEXICO CITY**—Mauricio Aceves, 148, outscored Miguel Angel Dominguez, 146, 10. Hugo Anguiano, 125, kayoed Felipe (Panamono) Martinez, also 125, in five. Alejo Garcia, 117, outpointed Oscar Anguiano, 125, eight. Francisco Ortega, 119, outscored Adan Diaz, 121, six. Silverio Ortiz, 123, and Porfirio Acoltzi, 124, drew, four.
(09-08-84)

►**MEXICO CITY**—Bruno Rabanales, 125, TKO'd Arnulfo (Popeye) Luna, 126, in nine. Abraham Martinez, 134, TKO'd Pedro Molina, 135, in seven. Jose Luis Zepeda, 115, TKO'd Hector Iniesta, 117, in two. Enrique Hernandez, 116, TKO'd Juan Velasquez, 115, in two. Mario Fuentes, 132, TKO'd Juan Toledo, 131, in two.
(09-19-84)

►**MEXICO CITY**—Carlos de la Paz, 113, outpointed Juan Atilano, also 113, 10.
(09-23-84)

►**MEXICO CITY**—Juan Javier (Cobra) Colin, 162, TKO'd Othon Guzman, 164, in five. Oscar Sanchez, 135, outpointed Agustin Cardenas, 136, 10. Reynaldo Garcia, 123, TKO'd Ramon Lopez, 121, in four. Rodolfo Batta, 114, kayoed Enrique Vega, also 114, in the first round. Martin Diaz, 111, TKO'd Julio Flores, 110, in three.
(09-26-84)

►**MEXICO CITY**—Nacho Ramirez, 109, TKO'd Pedro Rabago, also 109, in two. Santiago Mendez, 108, TKO'd Gilberto Sosa, 109, in one. Rafael Jimenez, 134, outscored Albino Moranchel, 135, eight. Javier Juarez, 111, stopped Narciso Perez, 112, in two. Memo Flores, 119, TKO'd Oscar Moreno, 118, in four.
(09-29-84)

GUERRERO

►**ACAPULCO**—Angel Mancilla, 125, TKO'd Naty Chavarria, 126, in one. Juan Figueroa, 123, TKO'd Leonardo Gonzalez, 125, in three. Rey Cisneros, 123, TKO'd Pedro Aparicio, also 123, in five. Salvador Santana, 112, TKO'd Miguel Melendez, also 112, in three. Pedro Palma, 110, outscored Victor Legaria, 109, four.
(09-07-84)

QUINTANA ROO

►**COZUMEL**—Rodolfo Alvarado, 108, outpointed Jorge (Pajarito) Rivera, 109, 10.
(07-27-84)

SINALOA

►**CULIACAN**—Genaro Leon, 147, halted Ramon Cardoso, 146, in two.
(09-29-84)

TAMAULIPAS

►**REYNOSA**—Roque (Rocky) Montoya, 135, TKO'd Cayetano Coorea, also 135, in the 10th to retain his Mexican lightweight title.
(09-14-84)

VERACRUZ

►**MINATITLAN**—Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez, 112, polished off Raul de la Paz, also 112, in three. Ricardo (Finito) Lopez, 108, outpointed Lino Hernandez, 109, 10. Goyo (Tucita) Campos, 112, outscored Canelito Heredia, 114, eight.
(09-29-84)

YUCATAN

►**MERIDA**—Daniel Munoz, 125, TKO'd Ramon Quintal, 126, in two. Romulo Cortez, 119, and Sergio Vera, 118, drew, 10. Luis Aguilar, 135, TKO'd Manuel (Sal) Benitez, 136, in four. Gregorio Baas, 108, TKO'd Julian Montero, also 108, in four. Celso Ruiz, 118, TKO'd Cesar Loeza, 117, in four.
(09-19-84)

►**MERIDA**—Jorge Cano (Jorge Humberto Cano Angulo), 108, won the vacant Mexican junior flyweight title by outpointing Babe Luis (Luis Enrique Keb Baas), also 108, 12. Javier Alonso, 109, TKO'd Rodolfo Alvarado, 110, six. Gaspar Pool, 126, TKO'd Santos Rodriguez, also 126, in five. Jorge Betancourt halted David Munoz, 125, in five. Francisco Tolosa, 117, and Isidro Herrera, 116, drew, six.
(09-29-84)

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SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

►**GUALEGUAYCHU**—Ramón (Potro) Ramos outpointed Juan Carlos Ceballos in ten, junior middleweights.
(09-01-84)

►**MENDOZA—Asociación Mendocina de Box**—Former world champion Gustavo Ballas is one of the best Argentine all-time fighters . . . when he pays attention to his training.

After a short period of inactivity, he returned to the ring to retain his Argentine junior bantamweight title in an excellent performance. He unanimously outpointed young challenger Luis Ocampo in 12 rounds and received an ovation from the public.
(09-06-84)

►**LA PLATA—Club Atenas**—Jesús Romero won the vacant Argentine lightweight title by easily outpointing Alfredo Chavez in 12 rounds. Romero led all the way and Chavez suffered intense punishment which sent him to the canvas in the last round and to the hospital after finishing the bout.

Romero thus regained the crown that he lost to Lorenzo Garcia four years ago.
(09-07-84)

►**ROSARIO**—Juan Carlos Rodriguez outpointed Juan Carlos Fernandez, 10, cruiserweights.
(09-07-84)

►**MAR DEL PLATA**—Former South American light heavyweight champion José Maria Flores Burlón drew with Argentine Angel Caro, 10.
(09-07-84)

►**VICUNA MACKENNA**—Luis Abel Musa outclassed Norberto Ramirez in ten, lightweights.
(09-07-84)

►**VILLA MARIA**—Junior lightweight Faustino Barrios and lightweight Daniel Murúa drew, 10.
(09-07-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Victor Robledo won the Suth American crown by outpointing titleholder Juan Carlos Gimenez, Paraguay, 12.

The fight was exciting, with the Paraguayan ruling in rounds one and two and the Argentine in rounds three and four. From the fifth, the greater strength of Robledo allowed him to obtain advantages and arrive at a unanimous decision with the three judges scoring 118-116. *The Ring* had it 117-114, Robledo.
(09-08-84)

►**OLAVARRIA**—Roberto (Rocky) Defooz halted Paraguayan Lucio Torales in eight, junior lightweights.
(09-13-84)

►**SALTA**—Miguel Arroyo outpointed Héctor Daniel Gonzalez, 10, welterweights.
(09-13-84)

►**CONCORDIA—Club Ferrocarril Oeste**—Ramón Horacio Albers won the Argentine flyweight crown by outpointing Adrián Román in 12 rounds through a split decision: 119-117 and 119-118, Albers, and 119-118, Román.
(09-14-84)

►**RIO CUATRO**—Ricardo Castro knocked out Luis Torelli in the ninth, lightweights.
(09-14-84)

►**RIO TERCERO**—Dario Mattioni halted Carlos Bazán in the third round, middleweights.
(09-14-84)

►**MENDOZA**—Ramón Soria outpointed Hugo Fernández, 10, featherweights.
(09-14-84)

►**CATAMARCA**—Luis Soto stopped Victor Hugo Casas in the third round, lightweights.
(09-14-84)

►**PIGUE**—Chilean Miguel Angel Garcia outpointed Uruguayan junior middleweight champion Miguel Curbelo in ten. Both fought as middleweights.
(09-14-84)

►**NEUQUEN**—Ramón Abeldaño knocked out veteran Juan Barboza in three, welters.
(09-14-84)

►**EDUARDO CASTEX**—Hugo Marinagelis outpointed Luis Roberto Sosa, junior middleweights.
(09-15-84)

WBA flyweight champion Santos Laciar.

►**CORDOBA—Pabellón Verde del Predio Ferial**—Santos (Falucho) Laciar retained his WBA world flyweight title by halting elusive challenger Prudencio Cardona in the 10th round. Laciar was not the aggressive puncher of previous bouts. He gained a slight lead by avoiding the Colombian and making brief attacks. *The Ring* had it 89-84 at the end of nine.

The match was promoted by Falucho Producciones (owned by Laciar and his manager, Giordano).

Both men weighed 112 pounds. Up through the ninth, the judges had it 89-83 and 89-82 and referee Ferrara (from the U.S.A.) 89-84, all Laciar.

Rising junior bantamweight Juan C. Cortéz outpointed South American bantamweight champion José Rufino Narvaez, 10.

Junior feather Carlos Laciar—Santos' young brother—outclassed Bolivian Reinaldo Casón Cadena, 10.
(09-15-84)

►**RIO GRANDE**—Argentine and South American junior flyweight champion Mario Demarco outclassed former Argentine champion Héctor Patri, 10.
(09-20-84)

►**PARANA**—The cruiserweight bout between Argentine champion Héctor Rohr and Jorge Cambiasso was declared no contest in the third round due to an accidental injury suffered by the champion.
(09-21-84)

►**TUCUMAN**—José Helguera gained the Tucumán State light heavyweight title by stopping Mario Campos in 12 rounds. Helguera, who also holds the local cruiserweight title, had previously lost the crown to Campos.
(09-21-84)

►**VILLA MARIA**—Rising flyweight prospect José Cufré halted José Caro in 10.
(09-21-84)

►**TANDIL—Club Ramón Santamarina**—Former Argentine and South American featherweight champion César Villaruel outpointed Jaime Loyola, 10.
(09-21-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Lucio López upped his record to 10-0 by knocking out one of the toughest Argentine bantamweights, Luis Gerez, in the eighth. Lucio will now face South American champion José Rufino Narvaez for to fill the vacant Argentine bantamweight title. In a previous bout, he halted Narvaez.

Unbeaten José Mario López stopped Carlos (Tano) Velazquez in the eighth round, featherweights.
(09-22-84)

►**SALTA**—South American welterweight champion Alfredo Lucero outpointed Antonio Ricardo Juarez, 10.
(09-25-84)

►**MAR DEL PLATA**—Eduardo (Locomotora) Chávez outpointed Hugo Fernández, 10, junior featherweights, avenging an upset previous loss to this fighter on July 6, 1984.

Osvaldo Maldonado knocked out Ramón Herrera in three, junior welterweights.
(09-25-84)

►**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Chilean welterweight Alberto Alvarado halted Anibal Jerónimo Fierro in three.
(09-28-84)

►**CUALEGUAYCHU**—Héctor Lescano drew with Juan C. Ceballos, 10, junior middleweights.
(09-28-84)

►**POSADAS**—Rubén Verdún outclassed Jorge Luis Perez, 10, junior welterweights.
(10-04-84)

►**TUCUMAN**—Ramón Soria and René Plaza drew, 10, featherweights.
(10-05-84)

►**TRELEW**—Enrique Sallago retained his Argentine welterweight title by outpointing challenger Carlos Prieto, 12 rounds. Close decision.
(10-05-84)

►**MENDOZA—Estadio Pascual Perez**—Patricio Diaz drew with Carlos Victor Velázquez and so retained his Argentine junior middleweight crown. Diaz, who is also the Latin American champion, won, 109-107 on the card of one judge, but the others had it 108-108 and 107-107 after 11 rounds. In the last round, an accidental injury suffered by Velazquez caused the suspension of the bout. Tech draw.
(10-05-84)

►**TANDIL**—Former Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Cesar Villarruel won a split decision over Raúl Gomez, 10.
(10-05-84)

►**SAN PEDRO**—Former world challenger Lorenzo Garcia, inactive for several months, returned to the ring to unanimously outpoint young Antonio Hugo Vicente, 10. A poor performance by Garcia.
(10-05-84)

►**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educación Fisica Número Uno**—The bout between junior middleweight Ricardo Carballo and welterweight Ramón Abeldaño was declared "no contest" in the ninth. Both fighters, who are usually aggressive, were listless and resorted to dirty tactics that induced referee Alberto Coronel to stop it.
(10-05-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Last March 25, mediocre U.S. globe trotter Kevin Austin, a junior welterweight, fought world challenger Patrizio Oliva in Italy and lost a very close decision. Austin, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, had a 13-9-2 record with 12 kayoes when he arrived in Buenos Aires to face Hugo (Pajarito) Hernández. "Pajarito" ended the bout in the third via a one-punch knockout.

Hernández is now 30-0-1 with one no contest in 32 bouts. He is at the point where it is necessary to move to the U.S. in order to continue his career. Neither Ubaldo Sacco nor Lorenzo Garcia want to meet him.
(10-06-84)

►**FREYRE**—World middleweight contender Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldán announced his retirement. He said he was no longer hungry, and had lost the motivation to continue. Roldán is a man of plain habits who likes country life. He has more money that he needs and does not want to continue training.

His record of 59 bouts shows a mark of 53-3-2 with one no contest.

We hope that "Martillo," a good fellow, is happy with his new activities.
(10-11-84)

►**GUALEGUAYCHU**—Argentine lightweight champion Jesús Romero outpointed Norberto Ramirez, 10.
(10-11-84)

►**SALTA—Salta Club**—Salta State welterweight champion Miguel Angel Arroyo continued his winning streak by halting Sergio Combis in the first round.

Rubén Condori snapped the unbeaten run of José Cufré by outpointing him, 10, flyweights.
(10-11-84)

►**SAN LUIS**—Local lightweight Héctor Alvarez outpointed Rafael Palacios, eight.
(10-12-84)

►**CATAMARCA**—Local lightweight Luis Soto halted Claudio Alvarez in 10.
(10-12-84)

►**VILLA MARIA**—Daniel Murúa outpointed Bolivian Reinaldo Casón Cadena, 10, junior lightweights.
(10-12-84)

►**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educación Fisica Número Uno**—Pedro Armando Gutierrez outpointed Alberto Aragón, 12 rounds, for the right to face Faustino Barrios for the Argentine junior lightweight title vacated by Raúl Roque Blanco due to an injury. The decision was unanimous: 119-116, 117-116, and 117-116.
(10-12-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Former WBA junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas outpointed South American bantamweight champion José Rufino Narvaez, 10. Ballas played with Narvaez, flooring him in the fourth round. He could have stopped him if he'd wanted.

Ballas also showed his usual lack of suitable training. It caused him problems in rounds nine and 10.

Jorge Pompé outclassed Fidel Avila, eight rounds, junior lights.
(10-13-84)

►**TANDIL**—Ramón (Moncho) Dominguez halted Raúl (Nico) Perez in the third, junior featherweights.
(10-13-84)

►**MAR DEL PLATA**—Jorge (Violin) Salgado and Angel (Cacho) Caro drew, 10, light heavyweights.
(10-19-84)

►**SALTA**—Light heavyweight Jacinto Fernández halted Tucumán State light heavyweight and cruiserweight champion José Helguera in five.
(10-19-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—All-Boys Club**—Unbeaten junior middleweight Ramón (Potro) Ramos kayoed veteran Chilean Miguel Angel Garcia in the fifth round. Ramos, who holds the Entre Rios State title, upped his record to 15-0-1 with 10 knockouts. Garcia fell to 34-12-7 with 14 kayoes.
(10-20-84)

BRAZIL

►**OSASCO**—Claudio Pereyra outpointed Edson Lima, 12, to win the vacant Brazilian welterweight crown.
(09-15-84)

►**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian heavyweight champion José Adilson Rodriguez knocked out Argentine champion Juan (Gulliver) Figueroa in the first round to win the vacant South American heavyweight title.

Fernando (Japonês) Ernesto outpointed former South American champion Diógenes Pacheco da Silva, 10, junior middles.
(09-09-84)

URUGUAY

►**MONTEVIDEO**—Francisco Bayarres won the Uruguayan bantamweight title by halting Domingo Alberto in six.

Argentine Marcelo Di Croce knocked out local Juan Burgues in five, welterweights.

Argentine Frenando Dacosta halted Uruguayan Juan Marino in the third round, welterweights.
(09-07-84)

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►**QUITO**—Nelson Bolaños halted Peruvian Luis Granda in the third round, lightweights.

Sergio Alvarez, Colombia, stopped Roger Gontol, Nicaragua, in three, junior welterweights.
(09-23-84)

VENEZUELA

►**ISLA MARGARITA**—Junior featherweight Carlos Laciar, the younger brother of WBA flyweight champion Santos Laciar, outpointed Venezuelan Carlos Romero, 10.

Juan Rondón outpointed Panamanian Aquilino Asprilla, 12 rounds, for the Latin American junior welterweight title.

Panamanian junior featherweight Bernardo Checa outpointed featherweight Antonio Esparragoza, 10.

Former WBC junior flyweight champion Hilario Zapata, Panama, outpointed Colombian Alberto Castro, 10, flyweights.
(10-10-84)

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BELGIUM

►**ST. GILLES**—Yves Monsieur outpointed Sergio Rosio, six, light heavies. Bachir Chaarane kayoed Salvatore Pisani in the second, junior middles.
(06-09-84)

FRANCE

►**SEDAN**—Jean Pemamatti outpointed Patrick Drelon, six, junior welterweights.
(04-07-84)
►**SAVERNE**—Patrick Grisot outpointed Richard Bankeu, six, welters.
(04-28-84)
►**MARSEILLES**—Veteran Gratien Tonna made a belated comeback and floored Maurice Bufi, Belgium, thrice en route to a unanimous decision, eight. Tonna had trouble going the distance.

French flyweight Alain Limarol outscored Mario Bitetto, Italy, eight.
(07-06-84)
►**ST. NAZAIRE**—Germain LeMaitre regained the French junior middleweight crown by stopping Helier Custos in round nine. The 36-year-old LeMaitre is still hoping to win the European crown.
(06-15-84)

ITALY

►**SELLA DI LODRIGNANO**—Lightweight Salvatore Curcetti and Luigi DeRosa drew, six. Curcetti is still undefeated.
(05-13-84)
►**PADUA**—Marco Rinaldo stopped Kalongo Bolemi on a cut in the third round, middleweights.
(05-18-84)
►**LE NAIADI**—Luciano DiGiacomo outpointed Gino Fred, eight, heavyweights. Guido DiRocco outpointed Piero Spadaccini, eight, junior middles. Maurizio DiRuggero and Eloi DeSouza drew, six, welters.
(05-25-84)
►**CAGLIARI**—Local lightweight prospect Giuseppe Tidu outscored Rocco Frasca, six. Tidu is now 21-0-1.
(05-24-84)
►**VAREDO**—Angelo (Boom Boom) Liquori outscored Robert Dormoy, France, eight, middleweights. The 26-year-old Liquori is now 14-0-2.
(05-26-84)
►**PORTO RECANATI**—Michelangelo Girotti outpointed Angelo Quintavalle, six, junior welters.
(06-01-84)
►**ROVERETO**—Italian lightweight champion Sebastiano Sotgia outscored Luigi Curcetti, eight, non-title. Sotgia is now 21-2 with one "no contest." Ubaldo Bettini halted Fausto Gennaro in the second round, junior welters. Umberto Cavasin outscored Sandro Ronci, six, light heavies.
(06-03-84)
►**MILAN**—Former European featherweight champion Salvatore Melluzzo outscored Nihat Er of Turkey, eight. Nello Jovino outscored French junior lightweight Aldo DiBenedetto, eight. Jovino is now 17-2. Efisio Galici outpointed Nazzareno Mariotti, six rounds, junior middles. This was Galici's eighth pro win.
(06-04-84)
►**VIESTE**—Marco Gallo retained his Italian junior lightweight crown by stopping Angelo Bizzaro in just 0:25 of the first session. This avenged an earlier defeat.

Cesare DiBenedetto knocked out smaller heavyweight Peter Mulindwa in the seventh round for his eighth win. Middleweight Giovanni DeMarco took his winning run to 14 by outpointing Mayele Mabele, eight. Luca DeLorenzi knocked out De Souza in round six, junior welters.
(06-07-84)
►**SALERNO**—Former Italian amateur champion Vincenzo Limatola stopped Fabrizio Saraullo in the second, junior lightweights. Luigi LaGasta outscored Raimondo Ricci, six rounds, junior welterweights. Charles Ssali outpointed Giuseppe Cali, six, welters. Luigi DiLauro outscored Mabobo Kamunga, eight, light heavyweights.
(06-09-84)
►**SAN GIUSEPPE VESUBIANO**—Salvatore Bottiglieri retained his Italian featherweight title with a close but unanimous decision over Pasquale Mazza, 12. The scores were 118-117, 116-113, and 119-116. Bottiglieri had rough going in rounds four and five.

Antonio Maltempo outpointed Josias Da Silva, six, junior welterweights. Callisto Bavaresco outscored Mosimo Maeleke, six, middles.
(06-10-84)
►**CAMPIONE D'ITALIA**—Former European junior lightweight champion Alfredo Raininger outscored American Jerry Franco. Lightweight Aristide Pizzo stopped Lorenzo Paciullo in the fourth. Junior lightweight Giovanni Cannizzo outpointed Michele DiLuisa. Junior middleweight Aldo Gesualdo scored his ninth win by outpointing Piero Spadaccini.
(06-23-84)
►**PERUGIA**—Yawe Davis and fellow African Mudimbi Lutshadi drew, eight, light heavyweights. Light middleweight Sabiyala Diavilla outpointed Cliff Gilpin, six. Heavyweights Daniel Falconi and Andy Gennaro drew, six. Sumbu Kalambay went to 30-1 with a decision over Rico Hoye, eight. Kalambay is unbeaten in his last 29 bouts.
(07-07-84)
►**GENOA**—Ferruccio Robello outpointed Mauro Da Cruz, six, junior middles.
(07-13-84)
►**VAREDO**—Marco Rinaldo outpointed Mabele Mayele, six rounds, middleweights. Angelo (Boom Boom) Liquori outscored George Ssonko, six, light middles. Silvio Migale outpointed Giuseppe Agate, six, light middles.
(07-17-84)
►**PISTOIA**—Fabrice Benichon outpointed Claudio Tanda, six rounds, bantamweights. Pietro Ciarla stopped Ngindola Engode in the second session, welters. Italian junior lightweight champion Marco Gallo halted Isidoro Cabeza of Spain in the eighth.
(07-19-84)
►**BARI**—Veteran welterweight Luciano Navarra outscored Alroui Aziz, eight rounds, welters.
(07-27-84)
►**LATINA**—Francesco Prezioso outpointed Malanda Kianda, eight, junior welters.
(07-27-84)
►**SENIGALLIA**—Tonino Renzo stopped Da Silva in two, lightweights. Di Ruggero outpointed Ssonko, six rounds, welters. LaGrasta outscored Naifer, six rounds, lightweights.
(07-28-84)
►**MILAN**—On the undercard to Rocky Lockridge's sixth round kayo of Julio Llerena, Bou Ali Kamel stopped former European featherweight champion Roberto Castanon in two. Kamel, a 25-year-old Tunisian, is now 15-0-1.

Former European junior middleweight champion Luigi Minchillo scored a controversial fourth round knockout over Monte Oswald.

Italian middleweight champion Aldo Buzzetti raised his record to 18-1 by stopping Djelassi Mokhtar in four.

Junior middle Aldo Scardigli won by a disqualification over Angelo Fenu in round four.

Junior welter Nelson Trujillo outscored Rosario Casertelli, six.
(07-27-84)
►**AVEZZANO**—Cesare DiBenedetto outpointed gutsy Dave Garside, six rounds, heavyweights.
(07-31-84)
►**SAN SEVERA**—Thirty-seven year old Nicaraguan junior welter Oscar Aparicio returned to the ring after a two-year lay-off and seemed unlucky to get only a draw against Carlo Medici, eight.

Light middle Wa Lomani Wa stopped Piero Spadaccini on a cut in round seven.

Junior welter Giovanni Carrino outpointed Bruno Simili, eight.
(08-04-84)
►**FOLLONICA**—Edmondo Buttiglione, Milan, outpointed Kamunga Mabobo, eight. Buttinglione, a middleweight, is now 14-0. He lost only 16 out of 127 amateur contests.

Fabrizio Benichou outpointed Corrado Infanti, six, bantams.

Pietro stopped Giuseppe Agate in five, welters.
(08-08-84)
►**PESARO**—Ubaldo Bettini halted Mauro Da Cruz in round two on a cut, light middles.

Lay Umbasengi outscored Fabrizio Saraullo, six rounds, junior lights.

Nazario Mariotti stopped Ismalia Domouya in four, junior middles.
(08-16-84)
►**BETTOLA**—Aldo Buzzetti outpointed Joe Ouru, eight, middles.
(08-17-84)
►**GARGNANO**—Angelo Rottoli retained his Italian

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4. Anglo Evangelista (Spain)
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9. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
10. Guido Trane (Italy)

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2. Richard Caramanolis (France)
3. Manfred Jassman (Germany)
4. Rufino Angulo (Italy)
5. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
6. Devon Bailey (Great Britain)
7. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
8. Gianni Mauriello (Italy)
9. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
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8. Georg Steinherr (Germany)
9. Roy Guombs (Great Britain)
10. Errol Christie (Great Britain)

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Jimmy Cable (Great Britain)
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2. Germain LeMaitre (France)
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4. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)
5. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
6. Said Skouma (France)
7. Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
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6. Jean-Marie Touatti (France)
7. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
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4. Alessandro Scapecchi (Italy)
5. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
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9. Jesus Matilla (Spain)
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JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
1. Jean-Marc Renard (Belgium)
2. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
3. Marco Gallo (Italy)
4. Michel Siracusa (France)
5. Daniel Londas (France)
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8. Nella Jovino (Italy)
9. Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
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Champion
Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
1. Loris Stecca (Italy)
2. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
3. Valerio Nati (Italy)
4. Giuseppe LaVite (Italy)
5. Salvatore Bottiglieri (Italy)
6. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
7. Farid Gallouze (France)
8. Sepp Iten (Switzerland)
9. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
10. Philippe Martin (France)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Walter Giorgetti (Italy)
1. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
2. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
3. John Feeney (Great Britain)
4. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
5. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
6. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
7. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
8. Kamel Djadda (France)
9. Peter Jones (Great Britain)
10. John Farrell (Great Britain)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Antoine Montero (France)
2. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
3. Hugh Russell (Great Britain)
4. Kelvin Smart (Great Britain)
5. Giampiero Pinna (Italy)
6. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
7. Alain Limarol (France)
8. Umberto Morri (Italy)
9. Mario Bitetto (Italy)
10. Roberto Cirelli (Italy)

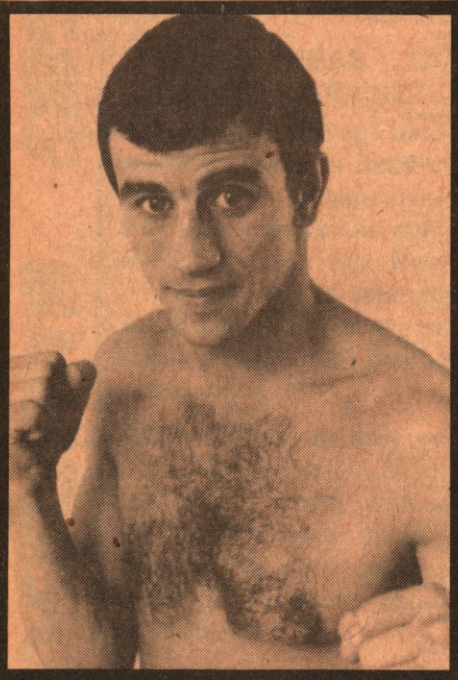
heavyweight title by knocking out Rinaldo Pelizzari in round 11 of a scheduled 12. Rottoli is now 15-0-1. Pelizzari has won only one of his last 16 bouts.

Roberto Cirelli outscored Claudio Tanda, six rounds, flyweights.

Marco Cipollino outpointed Piero Spadaccini, six rounds, welters.

Paul Myodi kayoed Fausto Gennaro in the second, junior middles.

Salvatore Curcetti outscored Francesco Mascara, six rounds, junior lights.
(08-18-84)



European flyweight champion Charlie Magri

►**CAGLIARI**—Former WBC flyweight champion Charlie Magri regained the European title when Franco Cherchi, his opponent for the vacant crown, suffered a bad cut from a clash of heads in the first round. There will be an immediate rematch.

Giuseppe Tidu went to 22-0-1 by outpointing Andrea Ricci, six rounds, lightweights.

Efisio Galici made it nine wins in a row by stopping Guido DiRocco on a cut in round five, light middles.
(08-24-84)

MONACO

►**MONACO**—On the Davey Moore-Wilfred Benitez undercard, Nino LaRocca kayoed Juan Elizondo of Mexico in the first round. A total mismatch.

Argentine middleweight Juan Domingo Roldan won a hard fought verdict over southpaw Andre Mongelema, 10.

European bantamweight champion Walter Giorgetti outscored Texan Juan Castellanos, eight.

Unbeaten featherweight Museta Bingunia outscored Kamel Djadda, six.

Fulgencio Obelmejias outpointed Cesar Abel Romero, Argentina, eight, light heavies.

Abdel Marbi stopped French lightweight champion Frederic Geoffroy on cuts in the fourth in a non-title bout.

Vino Mascara outscored Thierry Giudice, lightweights.
(07-14-84)

SPAIN

►**PALMA DE MALLORCA**—Isidoro Cabeza and Tony Granados, drew, eight, lightweights.
(05-15-84)

►**VIGO**—Jose Luis Vicho won the vacant Spanish featherweight crown by outpointing Carlos Miguel Rodriguez, 10.

Fernando Rodriguez outscored Juan Montero, eight rounds, junior lightweights.
(05-18-84)

►**PALMA DE MALLORCA**—Jose Luis Vicho outpointed lightweight Santiago Machin "Santi" over eight.
(06-08-84)

►**ZARAGOZA**—Hugo Carrizo retained his Spanish lightweight title by outpointing Jose Maria Martin Garzonin, 10.

Lightweight Jose Maria Castillo outscored Benito Murillo, six.

Former WBC junior welterweight champion Perico Fernandez outpointed Rafael Gutierrez, eight, light middles.
(06-16-84)

►**PALMA DE MALLORCA**—Former European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista outpointed Louis Pergaud, eight.

Joaquin Garcia (Tanio II) and Jose Maria Martin Garzon drew, six, lightweights.

Light welter Oscar Nelson outscored Manuel Munoz, four.
(07-13-84)

►**CANGAS DE MORRAZO**—Junior lightweight Fernando Rodriguez outpointed bantamweight Vicente Fernandez, six.
(07-13-84)

►**BURGOS**—Jesus Matilla won the Spanish lightweight title by outpointing veteran Hugo Carrizo, 10. Matilla is now 12-0-1.
(07-20-84)

►**VILLAFRANCANCA DE ORDIZIA**—Emilio Sole kayoed Jean Louis Coquin in five. Sole is now 20-0-1 and is official challenger for the EBU (European) junior middle title.

Jesus Bezanilla outscored Blas Canovas, six rounds, junior lightweights.
(07-24-84)

►**TENERIFE**—Santiago Perdomo "Pacheco" stopped Enrique Sosa in the second, junior welters.
(08-03-84)

►**MADRID**—Lightweight Jose Manuel Guevos outscored Julio Garcia Barcina, six.
(08-10-84)

►**MADRID**—Alfonso Redondo won by a disqualification over Fernando Gonzalez in the seventh session, junior middles.
(09-07-84)

►**SANTA CRUZ**—Miguel Suarez "Tamaran" outpointed 40-year-old Jose Hernandez, eight rounds, middleweights.

Jimmy Cruz outscored Jose Maria Castillo, six rounds, lightweights.
(09-08-84)

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UNITED KINGDOM

►**BELFAST—Kings Hall**—An estimated 80 million fans on the CBS network of America watched the live telecast of the fight between European and British featherweight champion Barry McGuigan and American Paul DeVorce, who had previously lost only one out of 23 bouts. Barry proceeded to inflict Paul's second defeat by stopping him in round five on the referee's intervention.

Some felt referee Sid Nathan's intervention was premature, as the American had not been off his feet, but the official pointed out that DeVorce was taking punishment standing up and had had enough. Sid added: "Ask him if he thought I was hasty—he's not complaining."

The complaint came from McGuigan, who, while agreeing with the intervention, thought he could have knocked his man out in another half a minute.

McGuigan couldn't have turned in a better performance in order to impress the many who watched, including those responsible for world ratings. There can be no doubt of (a) McGuigan's ability and (b) his right to be recognized as a top contender.

McGuigan, 126¾, started as he meant to go on—jabbing, hooking, keeping on the attack as DeVorce, 127, kept his guard high and seemed a little bewildered by his opponent's speed. The same thing happened in round two, and it wasn't until the third that the American managed to land a worthwhile punch. He scored with two hooks to the head, the signal for McGuigan to retaliate in kind, and DeVorce went backwards as if on a spring.

But he came back well, and the 7,000 fans roared as they stood toe-to-toe. The shouting was so loud that the boxers didn't hear the bell and had to be forcibly separated. DeVorce had his best moments in round four, as he landed a right to the head and then a following left. But he must have wondered what he had to do, as McGuigan merely shook them off and came in with a flurry of punches especially to the body, and there wasn't a lot the American could do except try and defend.

Even then, there was no indication that the fight would end in round five. McGuigan was in a relentless mood. All his punches carried weight. One left hand had the American hanging on to the top rope, and the body punches were gradually sapping his strength. After a left hook, DeVorce seemed to turn away. Maybe it was an ordinary reflex movement; maybe he really had had enough, but it was the signal for the referee's intervention.

There were the usual enthusiastic scenes following McGuigan's victory, but the burning question was—what now? Manager Barney Eastwood, father of Stephen, who promoted the show, is of the opinion that, after watching the fight, neither Eusebio Pedroza nor Wilfredo Gomez is likely to want to come and defend his title in Belfast. It is possible that Barry could get a shot at WBA junior lightweight champion Rocky Lockridge's title.

The other possibility is a fight with NABF champion Jackie Beard, who beat DeVorce in a title defense. CBS has an option on another of his bouts.

Roy Webb, Belfast, 121½, outpointed Graham Clarke, 122½, over eight by 79-78, but some thought the latter deserved at least a draw.

Keith Ward, Merthyr, 120, gained a narrow points win over Steve Hanna, Belfast, 118¾, scoreline 59-58½ after six.

American Chris Reid, 165½, managed by Mickey Duff, made his British debut by beating Chris Coady, Manchester, the bout being stopped in round two after Coady had been down. Reid was cut by the left eye.

David Irving, Belfast, 143, beat Ray Price, Swansea, 145, the referee intervening in round four after Price had turned away, claiming he had been hit low. Price had made a similar allegation in the previous round.

Debutant Tony Dunlop, Belfast, 137, didn't lose a round outpointing Mickey Brooks, Hull, 139, over six by 60-57½.
(06-30-84)

►**BIRMINGHAM—Aston Villa Sports & Leisure Centre**—In his second comeback fight, Pat Cowdell won the European junior lightweight title by unanimously outpointing champion Jean-Marc Renard, Belgium, over 12 rounds. Spanish referee Fernando Paredes scored 119-117, judge Louis Michel of France 118-116, and judge Edmund Babinski, Austria, 119-115.

Previously, Cowdell had given up the European featherweight title on announcing his retirement from the ring. Obviously, the urge to put the gloves on again proved too much for him.

Beating Renard wasn't easy. Cowdell was never allowed to relax, and it was obvious that the Belgian wasn't prepared to give up his crown without a struggle. Yet it was strange that Renard scaled only 125½. Cowdell was 128¾, and three inches taller.

Both men seemed in a hurry, and there was a lot of missing. But Pat gradually got it together, and there were touches of the old Cowdell, even though at times he forsook his normal classic boxing to punch it out. Renard had a good sixth round, getting in to close quarters and scoring with several good right hands.

Cowdell was cut by the eye in round six. Renard bled from the nose in round seven, but the pace didn't slacken, and the Belgian was getting home with that right hand more times than he should have been allowed to do.

However, Cowdell was pacing the fight well, and, although Renard was still showing plenty of aggression, Pat was picking his punches better and landing the cleaner blows. Renard was cut by the left eye in round 10, and was warned when he showed his dissent after the head clash. Cowdell outboxed his man in the two final rounds and some thought the margin should have been even greater.

Cowdell is now 30 years of age, but looked good, if a trifle ring-rusty. What a draw a Cowdell-McGuigan fight would be!

Tony Willis, Liverpool, 141, Britain's third ranked lightweight, clashed with Winston Spencer, Walworth, 140, light welter, and, after being seemingly beaten in round two, Willis hauled himself back to stop his man in round six on the referee's intervention.

A right to the head had Willis reeling in round two, and Spencer did his best to finish it off with punches from both hands. Somehow, to his credit, he survived and, although cut by the right eye in the following session, gradually made up the leeway.

Yet in round four, Spencer was still in front, and it was a surprise when he seemed to relax and let Willis in. The latter took his chance literally with both hands, and sheer boxing took him to a position of strength. In rounds five and six, Willis was more aggressive and landing more scoring punches, but again, it was a bit of a surprise that Spencer should wilt at that stage; the bout was stopped with him under pressure.

Fine recovery by Willis, who must now be considered as a title contender in his new division.

Martin McGough, Coventry, 146, beat John McGlynn, Swansea, 147, the referee intervening in round six after McGlynn had been down.

John Ridgman, Borehamwood, 155, kayoed Peter Foster, Birmingham, 154, in round four with a left hook to the chin.

Stuart Robinson, Birmingham, 174, made it six in a row by outpointing Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 176, over six by 59½-58½.

Arthur (brother of Stuart) Robinson, 147, made a successful pro debut, his bout with Cliff Mack, Liverpool, 149½, being stopped in round five with the latter under pressure.
(07-07-84)

►**PRESTATYN—Pontins Holiday Camp**—Rocky Feliciello, Rhyl, 149½, outpointed Wim Thijssen, Holland, 150, over eight by 80-76, winning every round. The Dutchman was cut by the left eye in the final round.

Dave Bryan, Rhyl, 130, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Ian Murray, Manchester, 132½, by 79½-77 over eight.

Craig Edwards, Shotton, 159, outpointed Seamus Casey, Nottingham, 159, over six by 59½-58½.

Grant Sutton, Rhyl, 145, drew with Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 147, six.
(07-05-84)

►**LONDON—Bloomsbury Crest**—Sylvester Mittee, Hackney, had little difficulty in defending substitute Perico Fernandez, Spain, even if the latter was a former WBC light welter champion. The bout was stopped in round five, and it must be said that Fernandez didn't seem to relish the job right from the opening bell—and, indeed, was told at the end of the third by referee Mike Jacobs to put more effort into his performance.

The Spaniard's performance may have been explained by the fact that only a week earlier, he had lost on points over 12 rounds to Gianfranco Rosi in a fight for the vacant European title, taking too much out of himself.

Fernandez held persistently, and threw only a couple of worthwhile punches in the whole fight, and it didn't help his cause when he was cut by the left eye in round four.

Mittee was scoring as and when he chose, and it came as no surprise when the referee intervened. This bout was televised live, and it was a pity Fernandez couldn't have provided stronger opposition.

Norwegian Steffan Tangstad, 208, outpointed Winston Allen, Swansea, 198½, over eight by 79½-78. A peculiar contest. At the end of eight rounds both boxers acted as if this was the end of the fight. It had been announced as a ten-rounder, the referee thought it was a ten-rounder, but apparently it had been reduced to eight at the weigh-in, and by mutual consent.

Then Allen made it known that he preferred it to be over ten, but he was disappointed, and even more disappointed when the result went against him. Last February Tangstad beat Joe Bugner, but hadn't boxed since, had had practically no sparring, and looked understandably ring-rusty. However, he remains unbeaten after 24 bouts.

Martin Patrick, Tottenham, 152½, won the vacant Souther Area light middle title by outpointing Mick Courtney, Chorleywood, 151¼, over 10 by 99½-98. The fans showed their appreciation by tossing in nobbins. Their first fight was a draw, and nobbins came in that time too.

Debutant Dave Kenny, Manchester, 122, got off to a fine start by beating Ronnie Lugmayer, Bethnal Green, 125½, the bout being stopped after the latter had been down. Lugmayer was cut by the left eye, and outclassed. Not unexpected, as Kenny was an international amateur, and Ronnie had no amateur experience at senior level.

Tommy Farrell, Liverpool, 134, outpointed Abdul Kareem, Tottenham, 138½, over six by 59½-58½.

Micky Kilgallon, Peckham, 148, kept his unbeaten record and made it eight straight wins by beating Danny Myers, Northampton, 145½, who was retired at the end of round two with a cut by the right eye that required six stitches.

Mickey Brooks, Hull, 142, beat Billy Craig Edwards, Hoxton, 146¾, who protested when he was retired by his corner at the end of round five with a cut by the right eye. Edwards had decked his man with a left hook in round two, and Brooks was suffering from a persistent nose bleed.
(07-14-84)

►**BRISTOL—Redwood Lodge**—Kevin Downer, Shoreditch, 118, beat Billy Barton, Blaengarw, 119, the bout being halted in round seven after Barton had been down, got up without a count, but looked dazed.

Carlo Giorno, Swindon, 153, narrowly outpointed Neil Crocker, Swansea, 155, over six by 59½-59.

Roy Williams, Merthyr, 122½, made a promising debut by outpointing Tommy Mallon, Doncaster, 122½, over six by 60-59, not losing a round.

Andy Williams, Pontypool, 130¾, conceded weight and still outpointed Wayne Trigg, Newtown, 137, over four by 40-38½, not losing a round.
(07-07-84)

►**SHEFFIELD—Bramall Lane Football Ground**—Not many promotions are held in Britain on a Sunday afternoon, or in the open-air, but promoter Alma Ingle produced a combination of the two, and was rewarded with a crowd of around 7,000.

Alma's husband Brendan Ingle manages Herol Graham, who last April relinquished his Commonwealth and European light middleweight titles because of weight problems. So his first bout since then, and as a full middleweight, attracted more attention than usual. Herol won in round five, when American opponent Lindell Holmes was ruled out by the referee because of a cut by the left eye.

This caused controversy. The Americans claimed that (a) a butt had caused the injury and (b) that the stoppage was premature. Manager Ingle stated that a right hook caused the damage. Graham said it all happened so quickly he wasn't certain. And Holmes had turned away to dab the injured eye with his glove. Also, the referee is nearest the action.

As to the fight while it lasted, there could be no doubt that Graham was in front. He was too fast and foiled all the American's attempts to pin him down. Last March Holmes came to London and kayoed Roy Gumbs, so was expected to present Graham with problems. Which he might have done had he been able to catch up with him.

As it was, Graham used the ring to good effect, punched quickly and effectively, and Holmes often looked as if he didn't know quite where to find his opponent. Like the Scarlet Pimpernel, "They seek him here, they seek him there."

Holmes, former sparmate to Thomas Hearns, said he would like a return, but on neutral ground, such as Atlantic City or New York. Herol said he would be happy to oblige.

Brian Anderson, 161½, was to have defended his Central Area light-middles title against Blaine Longsden, who contracted tonsilitis, so Cardiff's Winston Burnett substituted. Anderson, 161½, won every one of the eight rounds with a scoreline of 80-76. Burnett, 170, couldn't cash in on his weight advantage.

John Ridgman, Borehamwood, 156, was decked in round two from a left to the chin, but got up to stop Mick Mills, Rotherham, 154, in the following session with a right hook that fractured Mills' jaw.

Returning after inactivity, Dave Allen, Conisborough, 144½, beat Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 149, the bout being stopped after Allen had been down twice in the early rounds. However, Allen protested that he was perfectly able to continue, and there was some booing.

Jimmy Thornton, Sheffield, 138, confirmed a previous win by beating Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, 137¾, the referee intervening in round two after Bowen had been floored twice.

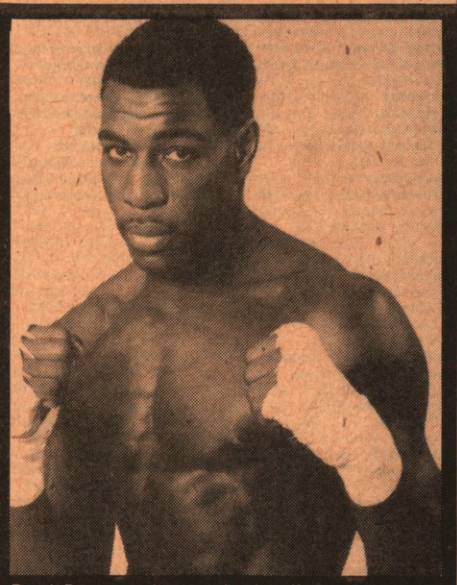
Paul Smith, Sheffield, beat Malcolm Davis, Shrewsbury, this light middleweight bout ending when Davis was retired by his corner at the end of round four with a cut by the left eye.
(07-22-84)

►**AINTREE—Beechers Club**—Abdul Kareem, Tottenham, 138, outpointed Joey Morris, Manchester, 135, over eight by a narrow 78½-78. Not bad for Morris, who was coming back after nearly two years' inactivity. A good bout to watch.

Edward Lloyd, Rhyl, 131, easily beat Henry Arnold, Liverpool, 134, the referee intervening in round six with Arnold under severe pressure.

Andy Williams, Pontypool, 134, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dean Bramhald, 135, over six by 60-57½.

Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 149, narrowly outscored Peter Flanagan, Hyde, 147, by 59-58½ over six.
(08-06-84)



Frank Bruno on the comeback trail.

►**WEMBLEY—Arena**—Frank Bruno, 225½, put that defeat by James Bonecrusher Smith behind him, and hit far too hard for Ken Lakusta, Canada, 211½, knocking him out in two rounds. This was an eliminator for Trevor Berbick's Commonwealth heavyweight title.

The unorthodox Lakusta came forward with arms flailing and head down, seeking to get in close and concentrate on the body. Bruno replied with short punches from both hands, and Lakusta was hurt.

A right hand dropped the Canadian for the full count halfway through the second round. The fans rose to Bruno, which must have sounded like music to his ears after the Smith debacle.

John Mugabi, 157, totally outclassed American Nino Gonzalez, 155¾, who had no right to be in the same ring as the world's number one light middleweight contender. Four times Gonzalez hit the canvas, on the last occasion being counted out on his feet. He looked defenseless.

In an all-action bout, former British light middleweight champion Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 155¼, beat Cameron Lithgow, Swindon, 156¾, the referee intervening in the 10th and final round after Lithgow had been floored by a left hook.

A fight of fluctuating fortunes. Rodney was down from a right hook in round five and was cut by the left eye in round eight. Lithgow was also cut by the left eye in round four and took a deal of punishment in the last three rounds. Before that, there were times when Rodney looked in trouble, but he came back each time in courageous fashion.

Former British, European and Commonwealth light middleweight champion Herol Graham, 161½, kayoed American Irwin Hines, 160¼, in round two. Now firmly established in the middleweight division, Graham turned on a display of aggression from the opening bell, and completely overwhelmed his opponent. Hines did his best to cover up, but Graham just kept banging away with both hands until the American went down for the count.

Jimmy Price, 159½, like Bruno, put a recent defeat behind him (beaten in one round by Ayub Kalule) and kayoed James Cook, 159¼, in round two. This was an eliminator for the British middleweight title. Last time they met, Price won on points. A left hook on the retreat did the trick, and Cook was still on one knee when the count was completed.

Nick Wilshire, Bristol, 156¼, beat American Calvin Prejan, 155, the bout being stopped in round four with the latter under pressure.

Rudi Pika, Cardiff, 206½, kept his unbeaten record by defeating Franklin Otts, the referee intervening in round two after Otts had been down twice.
(09-25-84)

►**GATESHEAD—Federation Brewer's Lancastrian Suite**—Glenn McCrory, 205, made it seven in a row by outpointing Andy Gerrard, Risca, 212, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round.

This confirmed a previous win, and McCrory won easily enough, but Gerrard saw it through to the end without ever looking like being floored.

Billy Hardy, Sunderland, 120, gained a comfortable points win over substitute Les Walsh, Manchester, 122, scoreline 79½-78 over eight. Hardy was too quick for an opponent who contested every issue.

Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 144, beat Peter Flanagan, Manchester, the bout being stopped in round five after the latter had been down from a right to the head.

Michael Armstrong, Shildon, 191, drew with Lee White, Morden, 190, six.

Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 134, outpointed Joey Morris, Manchester, 135, over six by a narrow 59-58½.
(09-06-84)

►**GLASGOW—Whitbread-Scotland Sporting Club**—Charlie Brown, Glasgow, 117, outpointed Danny Lee, 116½, over eight by 79-78½, a close verdict in a fast, entertaining scrap.

This was an official eliminator for the Scottish bantamweight title, and the hall was packed. Brown looked in trouble in round five, but came back in fine style, and Lee was in difficulty in round six. Charlie continued to put on the pressure and won a deserved verdict; but he'll rarely have a closer one.

Ian McLeod, Edinburgh, 136, didn't lose a round in outpointing Keith Foreman, Hartlepool, 136, over eight by 80-77. Substitute Foreman concentrated on defense, making it easier for McLeod.

Frank Morro, Ghana, 149½, outpointed Dave Douglas, Larkhall, 152½, over six by 59½-58½. Not a fight to be remembered.

Tommy Campbell, Biantyre, 150, narrowly outpointed Mark Mills, Croydon, 151, over six by 59-58½. Mills was handicapped by a cut under the right eye but pluckily saw it through.

Mike Durvan, Penge, beat Alistair Laurie, Selkirk, 140, the referee intervening in round five when Laurie was cut by the right eye. It could have gone either way.
(09-03-84)

►**BRIGHTON**—David Irvine, Belfast, 141¼, beat Les Remickle, 138, the bout being stopped at the end of round three after the latter had been down.

Rocky McGran, Belfast, 156½, made a fine debut by knocking out Newton Barnett, 154, in round three with a right cross.

Dave McAuley, Belfast, 121½, outpointed Roy Williams, Wales, 120, over six by 59-57½.

Mark Simpson, Brighton, 141, beat Con Cronin, Watford, 136, the bout being halted in the sixth and final round with Cronin under pressure.

Tony Dunlop, Belfast, 135¼, drew with Mike Durvan, Penge, 135½, over six in a fine crowd pleaser.
(09-17-84)

►**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Billy Lauder, Bonnyrigg, 159, is the new Scottish middleweight champion, winning the vacant crown by outpointing Harry Watson, Retford, 157¾, over 10 by a narrow 98½-98. It was Lauder's fourth victory over Watson. Both are southpaws. An action-packed bout in which both had their moments, with Lauder proving the more accurate.

Steve Boyle, Glasgow, 138, kayoed Gary Williams, Doncaster, 136, in round two with a right cross.

Nicky Day, Southampton, 138, outscored George Baigrie, Edinburgh, also 138, over six by 60-59, not losing a round. Baigrie was bruised by the right eye.

Bobbie McDermott, Glasgow, 118, gained a six-round points win over Freddie Potter, Southampton, 117¾, in a close one. Scoreline: 59-58½.
(09-17-84)

►**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Terry Magee, Ammanford, 156, outpointed Philip O'Hare, Manchester, 156, over eight by 79½-77. O'Hare was decked in round five by a right cross, but recovered well.

Steve Ward, Nottingham, 150, drew with Claude Rosse, Derby, 149, six.

Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 132, outpointed debutant Si Holdcroft, 133, over six by 58½-58. Many thought Holdcroft deserved at least a draw.

Jaswent Singh Ark, Derby, 140, outpointed Mick Lerwell, Telford, 144, over six by 60-57, winning every round.
(09-12-84)

►**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Bernie Kavanagh, Liverpool, 179½, gained a narrow but deserved points win over Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 179½, scoreline 78½-78 after eight.

Sammy Sampson, Preston, 155½, made it four in a row by outpointing substitute Frank Morro, Ghana, 152, not losing a round with a scoreline of 60-57½ over six.

Tyrell Wilson, Cardiff, 138, beat debutant Mark Rustling, Liverpool, 135, the referee intervening in round three when Rustling was injured by both eyes.

Chris Edge, Alfreton, 148, narrowly outscored Bobby Welburn, Hull, 147, by 59-58½ over six. Edge was floored in the opening round, but rallied in fine style.
(09-17-84)

►**MERTON—Civic Hall**—Sam Reeson, Battersea, 177½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Chris Lawson, Cardigan, 176, over eight by 80-77. A fine performance, for Lawson is currently rated 12th among British light heavies.

Southpaw Reeson was bruised by the right eye, Lawson was cut by the left eye and his face marked.

Barry Ellis, Clapham, 203½, kayoed Bob Young,

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
2. David Pearce (Great Britain)
3. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
4. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
5. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
6. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
7. Razor Ruddock (Canada)
8. Steve Aczel (Australia)
9. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
10. Cedric Parsons (Canada)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Stewart Lithgo (Great Britain)
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
3. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
4. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
2. Don LaLonde (Canada)
3. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
5. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
6. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
7. Devon Bailey (Great Britain)
8. Alex Penarski (Great Britain)
9. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
10. Wally Carr (Australia)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
1. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
2. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
3. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
4. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
5. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
6. Emmanuel Otti (Australia)
7. Richie Roberts (Australia)
8. Alex Hilton (Canada)
9. Jimmy Price (Great Britain)
10. Hunter Clay (Nigeria)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ken Salisbury (Australia)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Jimmy Cable (Great Britain)
4. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)
5. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
6. John Mundunga (Uganda)
7. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
8. Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
9. Nelson Bosso (Zimbabwe)
10. Cliff Gilpin (Great Britain)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. David Hilton (Canada)
3. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
4. Russell Sands (Australia)
5. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
6. Mark Harris (Guyana)
7. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
8. Fighting Romanus (Nigeria)
9. Judas Clottey (Ghana)
10. Frank Ropis (Australia)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
3. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
4. Pat Leglise (Australia)
5. Mario Cusson (Canada)
6. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
7. Lee McKenzie (Great Britain)
8. Tony Laing (Great Britain)
9. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
10. Tony Adams (Great Britain)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Claude Noel (Trinidad)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Br
2. Terrance Alli (Guyana)
3. George Feeney (Great Britain)
4. Barry Michael (Australia)
5. Nick Furlano (Canada)
6. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
7. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
8. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
9. Sam Ago Kotey (Ghana)
10. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Sichula (Zambia)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Brian Schofield (Australia)
3. Lester Ellis (Australia)
4. Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria)
5. John Muwunga (Tanzania)
6. Hans Sankiss (Zambia)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
3. Johnny Rubin (Uganda)
4. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
5. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
6. Steve Sims (Great Britain)
7. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
8. Eric Boone (Nigeria)
9. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
10. Tony Pep (Canada)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. John Feeney (Great Britain)
4. Ray Minus (Zambia)
5. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
6. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
7. Peter Harris (Great Britain)
8. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
9. Jeff Roberts (Guyana)
10. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Hugh Russell (Great Britain)
5. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. Gabriel Kuphey (Ghana)
8. Kelvin Smart (Great Britain)
9. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
10. Danny Flynn (Great Britain)

Croydon, 208, in 47 seconds of the opening round, setting him up with a right hand, then following up with a fusilade of blows until Young went down. When they met before, the result was a draw.

Tony Tricker, Norbury, 214, outpointed Lee White, Merton, 200½, over six by 60-58.

Carl Barwise, Tooting, 156, outscored John Hargin, Corby, 159, over six by 60-58. Hargin was down in round three, and cut by the right eye in round five.

Densil Goddard, Llanelli, 129, outpointed sub Derek McManus, 129½, over six by 59½-58½.

Debutant Lou Gent, Streatham, 177, outpointed Wes Taylor, Leicester, over six by a narrow 59-58½.
(09-18-84)

►**DUDLEY—Civic Hall**—Mickey Baker, Worcester, 135, won the Midlands Area lightweight title by beating Gerry Beard, Nottingham, 133, the bout being halted in round four after Beard had been down from a left hook.

Stuart Robinson, Birmingham, 180, outpointed Coin Flute, Tipton, 177, over eight by 79½-78. Robinson thus kept his unbeaten record.

Alex Romeo, Leicester, 178, gained a six-round points win over Deka Williams, West Bromwich, 177, scoreline 59½-58.

Shane Silvester, West Bromwich, 120, outpointed Kevin Downer, 119, over six by 59½-58½.

Debutants Ricardo Lawlor, Birmingham, 126, and Ray Newby, Nottingham, 129, drew over six in an interesting contest.

Debutant Gary Flear, Birmingham, 134, outpointed Wayne Trigg, Newtown, 133, over four by 40-38½, not losing a round.
(09-20-84)

►**WYTHENSHAWE**—Sylvester Mitte, 148, beat Colombian light welter champ Jose Angulo, 147, the bout being stopped as the bell rang for the start of the fifth because of a cut by the left eye, which afterwards required two stitches.

Angulo protested that the cut was not bothering him and that he should have been allowed to continue. However, he had been down from a right to the head, and he had been shaken from further rights, with Mittee looking in firm control.

Blaine Longsden, Warrington, 162½, beat Ronnie Fraser, Birmingham, 166½, the referee intervening in round two after Fraser had been down twice.

Bobby McKenley, 150½, beat Vince Stewart, Tottenham, 147, the bout being halted in round four with Stewart under pressure.

Substitute Jeff Rhymer, Hull, 175½, outpointed Mike Farghaley, Manchester, 172½, over eight by a narrow 78½-78.

Tony Borg, 126, didn't lose a round in outpointing Les Walsh, 126, over six by 60-58½. A lively encounter throughout.

Gavin Stirrup, 156, beat Nick Riozzi, 155, the referee intervening in the opening round when Riozzi was cut by the left eye.
(09-20-84)

►**ALFRETON—Leisure Centre**—Alex Penarski, Alfreton, 177, gained the best victory of his career when he outpointed former British light heavyweight champion Tom Collins, Leeds, 177½, over eight by 79-78.

A good attendance for Mike Shinfield's first promotion at this venue and Penarski, rated 14th, thoroughly deserved his success. After a slow start, with the referee calling for more action in round three, Penarski's aggression proved too much for Collins, but he joined issue, and the final rounds were exciting stuff to watch.

Mickey Bird, Chesterfield, 146, outpointed Claude Rosse, 145, over eight by 79-77½. Rosse was down in round four.

Ian Priest, Alfreton, 203, beat Eddie Cooper, Bradford, 190, the bout being stopped in round five after Cooper had been down from a right hook.

Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 126, narrowly outpointed Clinton Campbell, Stoke, over six by 59½-59.

Les Wallis, Alfreton, 146, made a fine debut by knocking out Caswell Lee, Doncaster, 141, as the bell ended round two.

Seamus Casey, Pinxton, 163, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Foley, Doncaster, 163½, over six by 60-58.
(09-21-84)

►**LONDON—Brittania Leisure Centre**—An outstanding display of sheer boxing skill enabled Terry Marsh, Basildon, 139¾, to win the British light welter title by outpointing champion Clinton McKenzie, Croydon, 139¾, over 12 rounds by 118½-116.

It took a lot of determination by both men, McKenzie to keep punching away to try and get the initiative, and Marsh to keep the initiative, especially in the last couple of rounds, when he seemed on the point of exhaustion. But no way was he going to concede, having got that far.

One of the best fights seen for some time, arguably *the* Fight of the Year. It had everything—skill, aggression, courage, stamina, but, above all, so much character by both men.

In spite of the points margin, there was never a moment when Marsh could relax, and there were those who said that if the distance had been 15 rounds, as it used to be, McKenzie would have won.

This is, of course, pure supposition. Over 15 rounds, the boxers would have paced it differently. Better to win a 1500 metres race by a few inches and collapse exhausted than to finish second strong as a bull. You train for the distance, whether in rounds or metres.

Belgian Jose Seys must have thought it was his birthday when he beat Errol Christie, Coventry, the bout being stopped after just 46 seconds of the first round. Christie had been down twice.

Thus ended middleweight prospect Christie's unbeaten record. So what happened? Firstly, Seys is a *light heavyweight*, and weighed 172 to Errol's 164. In his previous contest, the Belgian had stopped Finland's Tarmo Uusivirta, so he was obviously a puncher.

So it must have been a calculated risk to match Errol against a man who was half a stone heavier, a risk that, alas, went wrong. The fight had hardly started when Seys caught his man with a left hand, and down went Christie.

He rose at four, but Seys was quickly into the attack, and a succession of punches again floored Errol. He got up too early, and looked defenseless as the referee intervened.

It is to be hoped that this defeat does not destroy Christie's confidence, and my guess is that he will shrug this one off and concentrate on the future. I also forecast that he will reach the top—if he sticks to fighting *middleweights*.

Rocky Kelly, Acton, 144¾, kept his Southern Area welter title by beating Johnny Andrews, Stepney, 146¾, the referee intervening in round five after Andrews had been down four times.

The amazing thing was that, in the opening round, Kelly was pounded from pillar to post by a confident Andrews. How he remained upright only he knows, and at the end of the session he was cut by the left eye and marked on the right cheek.

It was a rough encounter. In round one, both were warned for misuse of the head, and in round two both were again warned for similar offenses. Then came the left hook and that put Andrews down, and suddenly it was a different ball game.

Andrews recovered from that one, and came back well in round three, but the odds were always against him, and he was decked again in round four. On rising, he was again floored, and at the end of the session the referee asked if he wanted to continue.

However, continue he did, only to run into more trouble, and he was floored by a left hook in the fifth, whereupon the bout was stopped.

Devon Bailey, Battersea, 174, had no difficulty in disposing of American Rocky Stevens, 176¾, the referee intervening in round one after Stevens had been down. He had done little else but try and hold on.

Dean Scarfe, Hackney, 156, beat debutant Theo Marious, Stepney, the bout being halted halfway through round one with Marious under pressure. His mentors protested at the stoppage, but much better to live to fight another day.

Another protest came when Gary Nickels, Paddington, 127¾, beat Charlie Coke, Norwood, 125½, the referee intervening in round six after Coke had been down.
(09-19-84)

►**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Mark Reafer, Bethnal Green, 129, retained his unbeaten record by drawing with Joey Joynson, Liverpool, 128½, over eight. An excellent contest which produced nobbins from the patrons. Joynson was down in round four and bled from the nose. Reafer was cut by the left eye in round four but kept up his aggression to earn a share.

Gunther Roomes, Eltham, 144, beat Jimmy Bunalarke, Netherton, 148¼, who retired at the end of round two with an injured left hand.

Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, 136, beat Kenny Watson, Norwood, 137, the bout being stopped with just two seconds of the six-rounder left. Watson was floored for six by a right to the chin. He looked unsteady when he rose, and the referee intervened. Bowen was cut by the right eye in round five. Little in it at any stage.

Australian Dave Russell, 208, didn't lose a round in outpointing Frank Robinson, Wednesbury, 215, by 60-58 over six. Robinson was down in the opening session from

a left to the body, but recovered well.
(09-24-84)

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JAPAN

►**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Japanese junior featherweight champ Takuya Muguruma, the WBC's 12th contender at 122, was befuddled by the aggressiveness of Masahide Ikehara, 121½, but caught the challenger in the third round and disposed of him at 2:34 of the fourth frame of a scheduled 10. Muguruma, a stablemate of WBC super flyweight champ Jiro Watanabe, dropped him once in the third, and thrice in the next canto. It was his third defense since dethroning Hiroyuki Iwamoto via a TKO last year. But Mugurma had better improve his defensive skills in order to face world name contenders. Takuya is now 18-0 with 12 kayoes. Ikehara fell to 12-10-1 with six knockouts.

Twelve four-rounders supported the main event.

Lefty Hachiro Hide, 133¾, unanimously decisioned Shinji Tanaka, 132½. Tatsumi Nonoguchi, 129½, dropped Hirokazu Arimoto, 129¾, twice and won a decision. Toshitaka Suhara, 129½, TKO'd Kiyoshi Taromaru, 129¼, at 1:24 of the second round. Tomoya Kakimoto, 125¼, decisioned Shigeya Kurosawa, 125. Kaneto Kimura, 125½, won from Tetsuya Kato, 124½. Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi, 121¼, stopped Joe Yabuki, 121, at 1:12 of the first round. Yoshifumi Ohba, 117½, kayoed Kimio Isono, 117, at 1:29 of the second session. Katsuya Yamazaki, 155¾, needed just 43 seconds to polish off Junichi Kurimoto, 160, in the first round. Kazuo Tahara, 134¼, eked out a split decision from Yosuke Kubota, 133. Shigenobu Nakamasa, 118, finished Shiro Kawanishi, 118, at 1:05 of the fourth stanza. Toshiaki Okutani, 114¼, won over Yasuki Uchida, 114. Yosuke Matsuoka, 114, onesidedly decisioned Ryoji Yamamoto, 114, in the opener.

Osaka Teiken Promotions. Kansai TV.

Attendance—1,000.

(09-15-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Eiji Okita, the JBC's fourth ranked lightie at 134½, was awarded a split decision over rough-and-tumble Hideyuki Shikano, 135, 10.

Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa and judge Ken Morita, 99-97 and 98-96, Okita; judge Masakazu Uchida, 97-96, Shikano.

Okita, formerly a water ball player, once won the All-Japan final in the Novice King tourney. He is now 8-1 with three knockouts. Shikano, previously fighting as Kaishu Shin, is 11-10-4 with three kayoes.

Previously unbeaten Katsuhide Nomura, 146, was knocked down thrice for an automatic kayo by Masaharu Owada, 146, at 1:17 of the first round in an eight. Nomura, 5-0 with as many kayoes, suffered his first setback. Owada, moving up three classes, displayed his power punching to improve his log to 8-8-1 with six kayoes.

Hirofumi Minami, 129¾, floored Wolf Sato, 129¼, with a countering right in the first round and took a unanimous decision, six.

Four rounders: Takashi Sato, 139½, won from Masataka Kanayama, 139. Kokichi Tomono, 134½, ran his unbeaten log to 5-0 with 4 kayoes by stopping Riichi Hiromoto, 135, at 2:37 of the second round. Hiroaki Motohashi, 134½, decisioned lefty Norikazu Kaneda, 135. Mitsuyuki Murakami, 122, won a majority nod from Hideki Aimi, 121½. Hisao Ishido, the younger brother of lightweight contender Tadashi Ishido at 118, exploded a good straight right, stopping Hisamichi Adachi, also 118, at 1:57 of the first round. Hisao is 5-1-1 with 4 kayoes. Yoshiyuki Yamamura, 107¾, outpointed Koki Aiko, 107½, in the opener.

Kadoebi Promotions. TBS TV.

(09-17-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese junior lightweight champ Yonekura (Isaiah) Ikhoni, the WBA's third ranked contender at 130, showed his superior defensive skills and scored well with fast rights, copping a unanimous decision from Yoshimitsu Azato, also 130, 10.

Scoring: referee Ken Morita and judge Masakazu Uchida, both 98-96; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 98-93.

The Kenyan import, who turned pro in Japan after winning the gold medal in the sixth King's Cup tourney in Thailand, is now 10-2 with seven kayoes. Azato is 16-4-1 with nine knockouts. This was Ikhoni's third defense since he acquired the national crown by stopping Joe Tatsuki in the first round last year.

The first 10 saw ex-Japanese junior flyweight champ Tetsumi Takeshita, 108, held to a technical draw by Yoshiaki Nojima, 107½, owing to an accidental butt at 1:50 of the fourth round. Takeshita, bleeding too profusely, was unable to fight on. He is now 11-2-1 with nine kayoes. Nojima, a fast footworker at 107½, is 15-7-4 with two knockouts.

Shunichi Nakajima, a tricky dancer at 114½, won a close decision from Masakatsu Toyooka, 115, six.

Four rounders: Tadashi Sakurai, 128¾, won from Takehito Yoshijima, 130. Kenichiro Kojo, 113½, drew with Akira Saito, 114½, Fumio Tajima, 124¾, stopped Kiyoshi Ishii, 125, at 1:59 of the fourth round. Mitsuo Tokumaru, 115, won a unanimous nod from Yoshihiro Kaji, 114½. Hiroyuki Sato, 106¾, finished Shigeo Hamaji, 103, in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.

(09-25-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese featherweight champion Eijiro Kuruma, 126, exchanged hot rallies with rugged challenger Satsuma (Hitoshi) Maehara, 125½, and disposed of him at 2:55 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Kuruma, a short infighter, went inside of Maehara and dropped him with a well-timed left hook midway in round four. Kuruma's follow-up was such that the ref gave Maehara two standing eight-counts and declared a halt. This was Kuruma's second defense since he regained his crown from Hiroyuki Kobayashi this year. Kuruma, 25, is now 23-6-3 with eight kayoes. Maehara, 22, fell to 8-7-2 with seven knockouts.

Former lightweight champ Cheyenne Yamamoto, 140¾, impressively halted vaunted tough guy Shoji Okishima, 142, at 1:37 of the sixth round in their ten. Cheyenne, 25, is now 16-7 with nine kayoes. Okishima dropped to 7-9-1 with 2 kayoes.

Four rounders: Satoshi Inoue, 145½, outscored Masatoshi Takeshi, 146. Bishnu Malacar, 135, decisioned Yasushi Miyake, 134¼. Nobuyuki Sudo, 117, kayoed Yuhei Noguchi, 116¾, at 2:52 of the fourth and final round. Tatsuto Tanigami, 132, TKO'd Masashige Ishii, 133¼, at 2:31 of the third round. Takahiro Ito, 119½, halted Eiichi Nakajima, 118¾, at 1:02 of the fourth and final session in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Saito Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,500.

(09-27-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Unbeaten puncher Eiji Kikusaki, 153, ran his log to 7-0-1 with seven kayoers, as he exploded a straight right to the face of Shigeki Yoshino, also 153, and sank him for the count at 3:08 of the third round in an eight. Hiroyuki Tezaki, referee.

In the semi, Takashi Komori, JBC's ninth ranked featherweight at 121½, was held to a draw by Masakatsu Sakuma, 121¼, eight. Komori, the *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney winner of 1983, was befuddled by the shorter Sakuma's sticky infighting.

Kazuhisa Koyama, 111¾, won a unanimous decision over Takeshi Iramine, also 111¾, eight.

Shinichi Enomoto, 127, knocked out Yozo Shigesawa, 126½, at 0:57 of the second session in a six.

Masahiko Kubota, 107, unanimously decisioned lefty Kinya Nakamura, 107½, six.

Four rounders: Kenji Iizumi, 121½, stopped Kazuma Saito, 121½, at 2:13 of the opening session. Katsuhiro Haneji, former All Japan high school champ at 117½, stopped Shiji Takei, 116½, at 2:54 of the first round. Toshiki Kawabata, 111¼, won from Katsunori Iwaya, 112. Iwao Otomo, 135, TKO'd Yasunari Yamazaki, 133½, at 1:44 of the third session in the opener.

Soka Arisawa Promotions. No telecast.

(09-30-84)

►**NAGOYA—City Public Hall**—Veteran puncher Tenyu (Takao) Maruki, 140, took just 1:00 to stop Yoshitaka Hinenoya, 139¼, with a couple of knockdowns in the first round of a scheduled ten.

Maruki, who once challenged Samuel Serrano for the WBA junior lightweight title, is now 33-12-6 with 17 kayoes. Hinenoya, very tricky, fell to 10-7 with four kayoes.

Tatsuya Nobuse, 143, halted Yoshiyuki Katayama, 146, at 1:28 of the first session.

Shirk Ishihara, 136½, won a technical decision over Toshiro Ueki, 140, at the end of the third session.

Fumiyo Muto, 125, a one-punch kayo over Ko Funabashi, 124¾, at 1:01 of the opening round.

Koichiro Akiyama, 122, won a split nod over Arrow Imura, 121, six.

Akira Moriyasu, 114¾, decisioned Kazuaki Kume, 113¼, six.

Masakatsu Aikata, 112, stopped Toshihiko Rachi, 111¾, at 1:03 of the sixth and final stanza.

Koichi Doi, 108, outscored Teruaki Saito, 108, in the opener.

All the preliminaries were fought as finals of the Novice King tourney in the Nagoya District—all scheduled for six rounds.

Tokoname Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,500.

(09-20-84)

►**KAWASAKI—City Gymnasium**—After a long lay-off, rough punching Kuniyoshi Kuwabara, 127¾, returned to ring action and won a shutout decision over Tomikazu Kaneshiro, 129, 10.

Scoring: referee Kodai Kumazaki 100-93, judges Shoji Nakamori and Takeshi Shimakawa both 100-92—all for Kuwabara. The winner had Tomikazu at bay on several occasions with his sticky combinations. Kuwabara, formerly rated sixth in the WBA's junior feather ratings, is now 10-5-1 with six kayoes. The loser, the JBC's tenth ranked junior lightie, is 9-5-1 with three knockouts.

Once beaten puncher Shunsuke Soma, JBC's tenth ranked bantie at 122, scored a lopsided decision (80-75, and 80-74 twice) over Fukuichi Ota, 121, eight. Soma, now piloted by ex-Orient feather boss Mitsunori Seki, is 8-1 with seven kayoes.

Keiichi Ozaki, 118, dug a wicked left hook to the midsection, and halted Kazuya Kadoi, 117½, at 0:34 of the fourth session in a six.

Four rounders: Yukihiro Kimura, 117, kayoed Tomio Shibata, 117½, at 0:36 of the fourth round. Koichi Tachibana, 150½, outpointed Tatsuro Sugimoto, 152½, Hisashi Nakatomi, 107½, showed a countering right in polishing off Koichi Shirakawa, 107¼, at 2:13 of the first session. Toshimitsu Ano, 119¾, knocked out Makoto Watanabe, 120¼, with a solid right at 2:17 of the second canto. Masayuki Giho, 134½, won from Asataro Saito, 134. Mutsumi Naito, 115, drew with Satoshi Wakatsuki, 117½, in the opener.

Keihin Kawasaki Promotions. No telecast.

(10-04-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Yasuji Shimoji, 130, dropped Tomoyuki Oya, 129½, with a barrage of punches and finished him at 2:17 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Hiroyuki Tezaki, referee.

Leopardo Tamakuma, a skinny stylist at 107, eked out a decision over Masaru Yoshimoto, 108, eight.

Yoshiharu Yokoshoji, 117¼, was held to a split draw by Norio Hasegawa, 118, eight.

Seiji Tomari, 111¼, came off the canvas from a second round knockdown and fought back hard to win a decision over Keiji Sato, the Novice King tourney winner of this year at 112, six.

Four rounders: Kazuhiko Akari, 113¾, outscored Toshio Oki, 113½. Yoshio Oshida, 106½, stopped Hirotake Sasahara, 105¼, at 1:08 of the first round. Katsushi Shimada, 120½, won from Masatsune Iijima, 121½. Yoshiaki Adachi, 111, drew with Koichi Hasegawa, 108¾, in the opener. King, Sasazaki, Kikuchi and Shishido Promotions co-promoted.

Attendance—1,200.

(10-12-84)

►**HOFU—City Public Hall**—Hard punching Tatsunari Hisahiro, JBC's sixth ranked featherweight at 126, suffered an unexpected kayo at the hands of Satoshi Koguchi, 125, at 1:07 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Kazumasa Kuwata, referee.

Tatsuya Sugi, 112, TKO'd veteran Shinji Takagi, 111¼, at 3:00 of the seventh round in the first 10.

Takashi Okamoto, 125¼, won a close but unanimous nod from Kenzo Takasugi, 126, six.

Hard Kura, 115, demolished Akira Shimada, also 115, at 2:53 of the third session in a six.

Takashi Sugita, 158½, disposed of Yoshitaka Okamoto, 154¼, at 0:46 of the second session in the scheduled four-round opener.

Masa Ito Promotions.

(09-15-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Having been stopped by Junya Kushikino in a bid for the Japanese title in Osaka, Carlos Elliott, 147, made a fine comeback with a one punch kayo of Korean Ki-Hoi Song, 144¾, at 1:05 of the third round in a 10. Ken Morita, referee.

Carlos is now 7-1 with seven kayoes. Song, a very short guy, is 13-3 with 12 knockouts.

The semi-final saw Takashi Sakakibara, 112½, eke out a majority duke (97-96, 98-96, and 98-98) over Armando Cordova, a rough lefty at 112½, 10.

Four rounders: Kazuya Kano, 121½, stopped Kazutoshi Hirai, 121¼, at 1:50 of the first round. Masataka Fujiwara, 114¼, decisioned Hiroyuki Asano, 114¾. Masanori Ryu, 113¾, won from Kenzo Yasuno, 113½, in the opener.

Hachinohe Promotions.

(10-11-84)

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Junior lightweight Jin-Shik Choi, 132¼, proved too strong for Filipino Deo Rabago, 132¼, stopping him at 3:00 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Choi, the INF's ninth ranked 130-pounder, boosed his log to 13-1 with 12 kayoes. Rabago fell to 14-3 with 10 kayoes.

Jae-Yong Hwang, 124, won from ho-Tae Nam, 123½, eight.

Suk-Kwon Lee, 122¼, polished off Han-Suk Kim, 121¼, at 1:23 of the first session.

Houn-Kuk Chai, 114¼, won from Yun-Bok Hwang, 113¾, six.

Sung-In Lee, 156, finished Young-Koo Chang, 155¾, at 2:59 of the opening round.

Young-Soo Cho, 131½, halted Jin Han, 132¼, at 1:44 of the first canto.

Four rounders: Taek-Ju Kang, 132, stopped Sun-Hak Hong, 131¼, at 0:41 of the second round. Bong-Ho Lee, 119, drew with Hong-Kyu Yang, 120¼. Jung-Kyu Lee, 133¼, outscored Chang-Hwan Kim, 132¼. Youn-Un Cho, 115¾, decisioned Sung-Chun Park, 116¾, in the opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(09-02-84)

►**CHONGJU—Chongju Indoor Gymnasium**—An IBF (International Boxing Federation) title bout caused a great scandal, and the Korean Commission subsequently nullified the fight. Soon-Chun Kwon, the IBF flyweight champ at 112, kept stalking Alberto Castro, 112—who later proved to be, not Castro, but Joaquim Caraballo Flores Pablo—and stopped him at 2:56 of the 12th stanza in a scheduled 15-round title bout. A Colombian newspaper protested that the loser wasn't Castro, who hadn't gone to Korea, and the incident spread more widely than expected. The Korean Police arrested Pablo, his manager, Almando Torres, Mexican matchmaker Ernesto Gallardo, and other

concerned people, and the KBS, Korea's national TV, decided not to telecast fight programs thereafter. What a scandal!

Kap-Sub Song, the KBC's second ranked bantie at 119, outscored Filipino Joe Hiyas, 118, 10.

Chong-Ha Jin, 132¼, stopped Dong-In Chin, 132¼, at 2:57 of the fifth round in an eight.

Joung-Hyun Kim, 110¼, won from Young-Ho Joo, 110¼, six.

Four rounders: Kang-Chul Lee, 119, was kayoed by Hae-Dong Park, also 119, at 2:49 of the opening session. Kil-Sou Lee, 115½, won from Kyung-Youn Hwang, 115½. In-Ki Hong, 140, outpointed Kang-Ho Cho, 139¾, in the opener.

Korea Promotions.

(09-07-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Sang-Ho Lee, 141¾, floored Japanese glass jaw Ryutaro Otsuki, 142, twice and for the count at 1:30 of the fourth round in a 10. Lee is now 34-1 with 28 kayoes.

Do-Sa Kim, 109, ran his log to 13-1 with three kayoes, as he outpointed Bi-Won Chung, 110¼, in the semi-final 10.

Sung-Hyun Bang, 116¾, halted Duk-Han Bae, 117, at 2:18 of the fourth round in an eight.

Suk-Bong Kim, the KBC's second ranked flyweight at 112½, lost to Sun-Il Kuk, 112½, eight. Kuk is still unbeaten, 9-0 with four kayoes. Kim fell to 11-2 with two knockouts.

Chun-Soo Kang, 122, finished Kyung-Jun Park, also 122, at 1:42 of the fourth session in a six.

Four rounders: Sun-Tae No, 114, outscored Sun-Ju Chung, also 114. Kang Choi, 127, stopped Sang-Hyun Kim, 126¾, at 2:57 of the third round. Ho-Soo Ahn, 111½, finished Tae-Won Han, 112, at 2:50 of the fourth session. Son-Dal Sun, 120¾, won from Dae-In Yuh, 119, in the opener.

Wonjin Promotions.

(09-08-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Having decisioned Pipino Cuevas in Los Angeles, Jun-Sok Hwang returned to Korea and engaged in an OPBF title defense.

Hwang, 147, surprisingly hit the deck from a countering left by southpaw challenger Dionisio Castillo, a tough Filipino at 146½, but fought back hard to earn a split decision, 12.

Scoring: referee Kang-Soo Kim and judge Chul-Hee Han, both 117-115, Hwang; Filipino Paul Unico, 116-112, Dionisio. Hwang is now 28-2 with 18 kayoes. Dionisio fell to 14-3-3 with two kayoes.

The semi-final 10 saw an upset and a new champion. Tae-Il Chang, 114¾, stopped defending champ Ok-Kyun Yuh, 114¾, at 0:58 of the ninth round of a scheduled 10-rounder to win the Korean junior bantamweight crown. Chang is now 13-1-1 with three kayoes. Yuh, the WBC's 18th ranked 115-pounder, is 11-3-1 with four knockouts.

Chul-Min Park, 131¾, drew with Yong-Boum Lee, 132½, eight.

Four rounders: Byung-Kuk Choi, 124¾, won from Sung-Hyun Park, 125¾. Houn Lee, 125¾, stopped Jae-Chun Chun, 124½, at 2:13 of the first round. Ke-Yun Chung, 107, and Yong-Ju Lee, 106½, drew. Yung-Ju Yang, 119, won from Ki-Suk Lee, 118¼, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.

(09-09-84)

►**INCHON**—Seung-Hoo Lee, the WBC's second ranked super bantie at 122¼, halted Filipino Ernie Sanico, 121¼, at 2:20 of the fourth round in a 10. Lee, one of the expected "future champions" in Korea, is now 32-4 with 17 kayoes.

Kyung-Duk Ahn, Korean junior welterweight champ at 139¼, ran his log to 19-0 with eight kayoes, as he outscored Tae-Wang Kang, 140, in 10 frames to defend his national crown. Kang dropped to 14-7-5 with 6 kayoes.

Yuk-Dong Ahn, 112, won from Jae Yun, 111½, six.

Gun-Sun Park, 131¼, stopped Chong-Sang Cha, 131, at 1:51 of the first round in a six.

Four rounders: Hun-Duk Chung, 116½, outscored Chun-Hyun Kim, 116¼. Jun How, 109½, halted In-Kwang Kang, 109¼, at 2:35 of the second round in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions.

(09-09-84)

►**JOUNCHON—Jounchon Junior High School Gymnasium**—Dong-Koo Woo, the KBC's third ranked lightie at 137½, defeated Filipino top contender Eddie Camero, 136¾, 10. Woo is now 16-6-3 with nine kayoes.

Chong-Koo Moon, 115¼, outscored Won-Keun Choi, 116½, eight.

Chong-Soo Choi, 111, stopped Duk-Man Lee, 110¾, at 1:25 of the third round in a six.

Sung-Kyu Cho, 121¼, drew with Chang-Shik Park, 122¾, six.

Four rounders: Il-Yong Chung, 109¾, outpointed Tae-Ho Yuh, 107¾. Hwa-Jin Yun, 119¾, won from Sung-Il Yang, 119¾. Jung-Yong Kim, 121, drew with Hyun-Mun Ji, 120¾. Hyun-Sung Kim, 134, stopped Yung-Kyo Lim, 134½, at 1:05 of the third round in the opener.

Ilhwa Promotions.

(09-15-84)

►**POHANG—Pohang Indoor Gymnasium**—IBF junior lightweight champ Hwan-Kil Yuh, 129¾, defended his crown for the first time as he flattened Thai titlist Sak Galaxy, 130, in 2:20 of the sixth round in a scheduled 15-rounder.

The short lefty, after a cautious start, caught the fading challenger with a flurry of punches and stretched him out on the deck. Japanese Kiyoshi Kazama, referee.

Chae-Oh Kwon, the KBC's ninth ranked flyweight at 113, outpointed Romy Austria, 110¾, eight.

Chung-Won Choung, 130¾, outscored Sang-In Chang, 130¼, eight.

Hak-Yung Song, 142¼, drew with Rang-Gu Park, 142, eight.

Ray-Ki Ahn, 112½, outpointed Suk Dol, 113½, eight.

Four rounders: Sung-Chul Hong, 123½, won from Kang-Mun Lee, 124¼. Hyung-Man Kim, 110¼, stopped Hak-Myung Kim, 110¼, at 1:50 of the fourth session. Yong-Man Cha, 112½, drew with Hyun-Wo Ryo, also 112½, in the opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(09-16-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—German Torres, the WBC's second ranked light flyweight at 110, lost a onesided decision to Dong-Yong Hwang, 110¼, 10.

Scoring: referee Kang-Woo Lee, 100-94; judges Jin-Kuk Kim and Dae-In Chung, both 100-95, all for Hwang. The Korean attacked Torres from the start. Hwang, who had a good amateur career, resistlessly threw solid punches to the Mexican, piling up the points. Torres fought back hard, but Hwang's power was greater. In the last two rounds, Torres was obviously tired, with Hwang having him at bay. A real upset. Hwang upped his unbeaten log to 5-0 with one kayo. German impaired to 46-6-1 with 40 knockouts.

Jang-Kyun Oh, 116½, outpointed Ki-Chang Kim, 115, eight.

Cho-Un Park, 110¼, won from Chang-Yong Chang, 110, eight.

Bong-Ho Choi, 121, decisioned Joung-Kuk Lee, 120¾, eight.

Ok-Yong Kim, 136¼, drew with Joung-Kwon Kim, 136½, six.

Kang-Won Kim, 124, stopped Yoo-Sung Joung, 124¼, at 1:59 of the first round in a six.

Four rounders: Du-Hyung Lee, 120¾, decisioned Suk-Hi Kang, 121¼. Sang-Hyun Han, 110, drew with In-Soo Kim, 110¼. Hee-Chun Cho, 124, and Jin-Shik Kim, 125, drew. Min-Jin Kim, 122½, outscored Sang-Keun Lee, 121¾, in the opener.

Palpal Promotions.

(09-22-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Korean welterweight champ Sung-Sun Lee, 148½, displayed his power punching in stopping Filipino Nilo Acido, 148½, at 2:57 of the fourth round in a 10.

Lee, the OPBF's second ranked contender, is now 23-1 with 17 kayoes. Acido is 28-6-2 with 10 knockouts.

The semi-final 10 saw Korean featherweight champ Sang-Yul Ahn, 125¾, barely keep his title with a technical draw against Jin-Suk Chang, 126, at 2:31 of the sixth round in their 10. Ahn is 15-3-2 with five kayoes. Chang is 11-9-2 with three knockouts.

Keun-Sup Han, 113½, stopped Chong-Ho Shin, 114¼, at 2:58 of the seventh round in an eight.

Sang-Il Kim, 140¾, halted Jae-Koo Kim, 140, at 1:49 of the fifth session in a six.

Four rounders: Byung-Soo Park, 125½, decisioned Hyo-Sang Son, 125. Yong-Tak Kim, 111½, won from Kyung-Shik Chun, 112¼, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.

(09-23-84)

JOE KOIZUMI AND YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

►**SUCAT, PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—OBPF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) junior lightweight champion Ron Sequenan, 132, defeated former Filipino bantam and featherweight titlist Ronaldo Sumalis, also 132, by a unanimous decision in 10 non-title frames. Major Deocrariza, referee.

Jun Tito, 122¼, unanimously decisioned Dommie Circulado, 122, 10. Larry Nadayag, referee.

Terry Sauro, 121½, was held to a split draw by Nelson Alapitan, 122¾, in the first 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Joel Advincula, 109½, won a majority nod from Steve Ponan, 108, eight.

Rolando Bohol, 112, TKO'd Jun Villaceran, also 112, in the second round in a scheduled 6.

Four rounders: Lorenzo Trogon, 120, outscored Aki Caparuso, 119. Sonny Altarejos, 108, won from Lion Collins, 106, in the opener.

Laura S. Elorde, the wife of former junior lightweight champ Flash Gabriel Elorde, promoter.

Carlos Roman and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.

(08-01-84)

►**ABATAN BUGUTAS, BENGUET**—Flash Romeo, 142, scored a fine TKO over Lorenzo Nabuab, 137, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. R.M. Chan, referee.

Andy Saxon, 129, fought to a technical draw with Boy Negro, 129½, in the fourth session in the semi-final ten.

Rogeer Simangon, 128½, stopped Mike Ambros, 128, in the second session of the scheduled four-round opener.

Tomas Arsenio, promoter.

Carlos Dizon and Vedasto Adriano, the GAB's witnesses.

(08-04-84)

►**MIDSAYAP, NORTH COTABATO**—Kid Baguer, Jr., 124, won a unanimous nod from Jun Rommel, also 124, 10.

Edgar Apatan, 122, stopped Lito Estimada, 120, in the sixth session in the semi-final 10.

(08-05-84)

►**SUCAT, PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—Veteran Joe Hiyas, the GAB's third ranked contender at 120, was held to a technical draw by Ernie Cataluna, Filipino bantamweight champ at 119, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10. The younger Cataluna suffered a cut at the eyebrow owing to an accidental butt. Referee Rey Ming Chan called it a draw.

Lito Vasquez, the GAB's number six junior welter at 135¾, scored a unanimous decision from Edison Saladas, 134½, in the first 10.

Momong Manaay, 126, and Ponce Rivera, 124½, fought to a technical draw midway in the second round in a scheduled eight.

Robert Palarit, 110, TKO'd Constacio Dangla, 112½, in the sixth round of a six.

Al Azucena, 115, decisioned Manuel Corpuz, 114½, six.

Four rounders: Sugar Rey Adonis, 130, won from Louie Ilado, 130. Saint Romy Lamanosa, 122, stopped Bert Escalicas, 120½, in the second session.

Laura S. Elorde, promoter.

Mauro Dizon and Vedasto C. Adriano, the GAB's witnesses.

(08-15-84)

►**NEW BATAAN, DAVAO**—Boy Romeo, the GAB's ninth ranked lightie at 135, defeated Cesar Ligan, 135, 10.

Eusebio Almario, promoter.

(08-10-84)

►**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Filipino junior bantamweight champ Ruben dela Cruz, 114, earned a majority decision from Ric Barimbad, 114, 10.

Loremer, Pontino, 114, scored a second round TKO over Roger Castillo, also 114, in a scheduled 10.

Edwin Projo, Filipino top junior flyweight contender at 112, stopped Jun Tidalgo, also 112, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Carlos Parcia, 135, fought to a majority draw with Boy Morales, 132, 10.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.

(08-12-84)

►**TAYUMAN, METRO MANILA**—John Matienza, the GAB's top ranked bantie at 118, chalked up a ninth round TKO over Rudy Cabiles, 118, in a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez, referee.

Cecilio Tutor, 107½, was also a TKO victor over Efren Bantilan, 108½, in the semi-final 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Faustino Simbajon, 110½, halted Boy Samson, 112, in the seventh round of the first 10.

Lucio Jasminez, 147, eked out a split nod from Archie Garcia, 145, eight.

Ellysser Guevarra, 112, scored a majority decision from Joel Advincula, 111, eight.

Felipe Brazil, 108, won from Freddie Villa, 109, six. Ariel Samson, 107½, beat Luisito Espinosa, 108, six.

Four rounders: Elmer Guevarra, 112, stopped Robert Acuin, 109½. Harnie Docdocil, 109, outscored Ramon Lupasi, 109, in the opener. Prospero Atienza, promoter.

Mauro Dizon and Benedicto Ronquillo, the GAB's witnesses.

(08-17-84)

►**MATALAM, NORTH COTABATO**—Edgar Apatan, 122, won a unanimous decision from Rudy Castillon, 120, 10.

Ben Hur Bedia, promoter.

(08-19-84)

►**MANIKI, KAPALONG DAVAO**—Allan Alegria, formerly rated by the WPA in the junior welterweight class due to his kayo win over Sang-Ho Kim, tabbed a second round TKO over Sil Arcillas in the second round of a 10. Each scaled 140 pounds. Alegria was dropped out of the WPA ratings after his TKO loss to Kim in their rematch in Korea.

(08-19-84)

►**BAGUIO CITY**—Fel Malatag, the GAB's fourth junior feather at 123, won a unanimous nod from Little Sagan, 124, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Rey Tayaban, Jr., 133, amazed the crowd with his first round TKO of Cesar Gutierez, 132, in the semi-final 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Venecio Esteban, 130, TKO'd Boy Negro, 128, in the sixth round of their 10. R.M. Chan, referee.

Nilo Alamag, 131, stopped Amado Castro, 132, in the fourth session in an eight.

Bert Pucay, 120, won from Bobby Pinos, also 120, eight.

C.I. Badongen, 126, stopped Ortes Rapsing, 127, in the third round of a six.

Bernabe Aliping, 125, decisioned Bon Hermo, 122, six.

Four rounders: Fer Gachalian, 130, impressively knocked out Roger Ayson Dangla, 109, in the opener.

Raffy Panagan, promoter.

Carlos Dizon and Mauro Dizon, GAB witnesses.

(08-25-84)

►**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Amy Pacana, Filipino number seven lightie at 135, looked impressive as he demolished formerly world rated Johnny Sato, also 135, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Up-and-coming junior flyweight Edwin Projo, 110, won a unanimous nod from Sil Solosino, 110, 10.

Reyanldo Rodis, promoter.

(08-26-84)

►**SANTIAGO, ISABELA**—Al Duran, 135, won a unanimous duke over ex-Filipino champ Max (Boy) Toyogon, 136, 10. Grego Garcia, promoter.

(08-26-84)

►**SUCAT, PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—Boy Abuela, the GAB's fifth ranked bantie at 122, eked out a majority nod over Rudy Casicas, also 122, 10. Larry Nadayag, referee.

Rolando Bohol, 112, won from Canino, Jr., also 112, by a disqualification in the seventh round in the semi-final eight.

Joseph Lapide, 113, decisioned Willy Bernadas, 112¾, eight.

Julius Oligario, 113, outscored Freddie Villa, also 113, six.

Four rounders: Sugar Rey Adonis, 132, decisioned Romy Camorot, 128. Lorenzo Trogon, 122, decisioned Dionito Castillo, 121½, in the opener.

Flash Elorde's Galorde Enterprises.

Romulo S. Santiago, GAB witness.
(08-26-84)
►**CALACA, BATANGAS**—Abel Magracia, the GAB's eighth ranked bantie at 118, defeated Elmer Vanenzuela, also 118, 10. D. Rodenas, referee.
Jun Celstial, 116, stopped Ador Balagbagan, also 116, in six.
Four rounders: Leo Ero, 118, won from Ruben Portugues, also 118. Harnie Docdocil, 110, decisioned Rocky Valenzuela, 110, in the opener.
Grego Garcia, promoter.
Voltaire Reverente and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(08-26-84)
►**SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA**—After a long past farewell to the Filipino title, Mike de Guzman, 145, regained the national welterweight throne by winning a unanimous decision over Young dela Cruz, the defending champ, 146, 12. Vic Valdez, referee.
Thanks to this important victory, Guzman was named "Boxer of the Month" by the Games and Amusements Board of the Philippines.
Eddie Camero, 132, was awarded a split decision over Albert Saxon, 132, 10.
Romy Cunanan, 135, decisioned Fred Pastor, 140, 10.
Morris Pastor, the brother of ex-Orient lightweight boss Fred at 125½, won a unanimous duke over Fred Base, 128, in the first, 10.
Antonio Esguerra, promoter.
Carlos Dizon and Vedasti C. Adriano, GAB witnesses.
(08-26-84)
►**ANGONO, RIZAL**—Lulu Villaverde, the GAB's top featherweight contender at 124, showed his strength in scoring a TKO over Noli Mocabos, 128, in the fourth round of a 10. Oscar Reyes, referee.
Rolando Navarro, 116, decisioned Rito Donayre, 117, 10.
Billy Saniel, 112½, stopped Sergio Molabola, 113, in the fourth round of a six.
Four rounders: Mjie Bonna, 116½, fought to a majority draw with Romy Patusa, 116. Sammy Ansig, 115, won from Joe Calumpiano, 116. Salvador Maca, 108, outscored Edgar Capino, 106, in the opener.
Mario Clara, promoter.
Carlos Roman, GAB witness.
(08-26-84)
►**ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN**—Juanito Favila, 123, chalked up a fourth round TKO over Fel Aporto, 122, in a scheduled 10. Former world flyweight champ Erbito Salavarria, referee.
Hilberto Aragon, 120½, was also a TKO winner over Al Sicat, 120, in the fourth session of the semi-final 10.
Roque Ganga, 122½, won from Boy Villa, 124, six.
John Calanogan, 112, outscored Danny Duran, 111, in the six-round opener.
Grego Garcia, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witness.
(08-26-84)
►**LAPU-LAPU CITY, CEBU**—Efren Lumayok, 112¾, scored a fine TKO over Mar Basas, 110¾, in the ninth session of a scheduled 10.
Roger Salasa, 136¾, decisioned Rod delos Santos, 136¾, in the first 10.
Rogerto Edillo, promoter.
(08-26-84)
►**TAYUMAN, METRO MANILA**—Flash delos Reyes, 125½, defeated Ben Samson, 127, by a unanimous decision, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Dommy Lucas, 108, won from Felipe Brazil, 108, six.
Danny Marino, 113½, fought to a technical draw with Ric Bajelot, 113½, due to the former's bleeding from an accidental butt in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
Four rounders: Diego Libante, 124½, drew with Bob Atienza, 128. Leon Collins, 107½, won from Mohammad Raffi, 105. Moirby Evasco, 112½, outscored Adam Estoque, 112. Leo Ero, 120, knocked out Sammy Bog Hagler, 122, at 2:29 of the second round. Alex Delarosa, 110, suffered a gash but was awarded a technical decision from Elmer Gepiga, 105, at 1:10 of the fourth and final round in the opener.
Wilfredo Balderama, promoter.
Virgilio delos Reyes and Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witnesses.
(08-31-84)
►**MANILA—Rizal Multi-purpose Arena**—Al Llanita, the GAB's seventh ranked featherweight at 124, looked impressive as he TKO'd Craig Pevy, 125, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Major Deocariza, referee.
Boy Blanca, 114, won a unanimous nod from Joe Guevara, 116, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Jaime Enriquez, 124½, stopped Anthony Paloso, 124, in the seventh canto in a scheduled 10.
Pablo Pepito, a veteran puncher at 122½, scored a third round TKO over Dommy Circulado, 212½, in the first 10. Reyming Chan, referee.
Lou Mrabe, Jr., 110, won from Steve Ponan, 109, eight.
Robert Rape, 125, decisioned Hernandez, 125, six.
Tacy Nacalos, 108½, outpointed Sonny Altarejos, 109, six.
Eder Olivetti, 115, decisioned Joe Calumpiano, 115, in the four-round opener.
Dante Almario, promoter.
Carlos M. Dizon and Romulo S. Santiago, GAB witnesses.
(09-01-84)
►**DAVAO CITY—C.Y.O. Gym**—Little Bangoyan, Filipino junior featherwight champ at 120, showed his strength in beating Ali Granada, also 120, on points in a non-title 10. In the Philippines, national champs often fight non-title bouts within the weight limit.
Jun Resma, a crafty ex-Filipino junior flyweight boss at 118, was awarded a split duke over Jun Simbajon, 116, 10.
Elpidio Elorde, promoter.
(09-01-84)
►**SUCAT, PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Rolly Navarro, Filipino number five junior feather at 121¾, pounded out a unanimous decision over Nelson Allapitan, 124, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Rudy Grande, 120½, won a technical decision over Jun Tito, 122, in the eighth round of their 10.
Robert Palerit, 109, won from Ed Adame, 110, in the first 10.
Momong Manaay, 127, outscored Jessie Dariagan, 126½, eight.
Jun Celestial, 116, won from Joseph Ladipe, 113, six.
Bon Hermo, 122, decisioned Romy Lamanosa, 122, six.
Rodel Asehan, 112½, fought to a majority draw with Nelson Daez, 111, in the six-round opener.
Galorde Enterprises, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio S. delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(09-12-84)
►**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Rey Arcita, 120, stopped Little Puncher, 122½, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Joe Lansang, referee.
Flash delos Reyes, 123, unanimously decisioned Telly Sauro, 125, 10.
Dommy Ursua, Jr., 111, eked out a split duke over Nick Dalisay, also 111, 10.
Joel Advincula, 111 TKO'd Mar Timbal, 111½, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight.
Lusito Espinosa, 108½, stopped Manuel Corpus, 108, in the third session of a six.
Four rounders: Louie Ilago, 126, won from Florencio Tenedero, 124½. George Olan Olan, 116½, outpointed Aki Caparosa, 118.
Ricardo Chavez, 108½, won from Ayson Dangla, 108, in the opener.
Benjamin Vinluan, promoter.
Vedasto C. Adriano and Voltaire Reverente, GAB witnesses.
(09-15-84)
►**STA. ROSA, LAGUNA**—Mon Desolog, 144, fought to a technical draw with former Filipino champ Nilo Acido, 145, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Oscar Reyes, former Orient champ, referee.
Tito Gregorio, the GAB's fourth ranked fly at 114, scored a seventh round TKO over Dong Canada, also 114, in the first 10.
Bert Segovia, 147, stopped Jun Bartolome, also 147, in the fourth round of a six.
Elmer de Gaila, 107, won from Sonny Altarejos, 106, in the six-round opener.
Salome Tolosa BHO, promoter.
Carlos Dizon and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.
(09-15-84)
►**NEW BATAAN, DAVAO**—Cesar Ligan, former Filipino champ at 130, won a majority decision from Jun Escalera, also 130, 10.
N. Entero, promoter.
(09-16-84)
►**MUNTINLUPA, METRO MANILA**—Cisco Ferrer, Filipino junior welterweight champ at 137, successfully kept his crown by scoring a fine TKO over Max (Boy) Toyogon, also 137, in the third round of a scheduled 12. Larry Nadayag, referee.
The first 10 saw Jun Bautista, 135½, kayo Joel Insular, 135, in the second round.
Tacy Macalos, 103, won from Elmer de Cala, 103, six.
Four rounders: Eder Olivetti, 116, won from Ruben Portuguez, 115¾. Dondon Trumata, 132, TKO'd Roy Camorot, 131¾. Oscar Reyes, 121½, outscored Eddie Borgonia, 122. Majie Bonna, 118, stopped Joe Calumpiano, 118, in the opener.
Salome Tolosa BHO, promoter.
Vircilio delos Reyes and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.
(09-21-84)
►**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Amado Cabato, the GAB's number nine junior feather at 124½, won a unanimous decision over Ben Samson, 124½, 10. Larry Nadayag, referee.
Boy Samson, 112½, outscored Tito Gregorio, 112½, 10.
Elmer Valenzuela, 118, was awarded a split nod over Roger Pilapil, 117½, 10.
Rudy Casicas, 120, TKO'd Rito Donayre, 119½, at 0:58 of the seventh round of a scheduled 10.
Jaime Enriquez, 131, was a TKO winner over Danny Canada, 125, in the fourth round in the first 10.
Ric Bajelot, 113, outscored Gil Lucban, 114, six.
Luisito Espinosa, 109, TKO'd Danny Duran, 111, at 1:03 of the second round of a scheduled six.
Bobby Castillo, 121, won from Bobby Pinos, 120, six.
Four rounders: Moirvy Evasco, 111½, drew with Romy Patusa, 113. Paul Torres, 109, stopped Mohammad Raffy, 105, at 0:49 of the fourth and final round. Elmer Guevarra, 111½, outpointed Sammy Ansig, 112, in the opener.
Felimon Vasquez, promoter.
Benedicto Ronquillo and Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witnesses.
(09-22-84)
►**BAGUIO CITY**—Fel Salvador, Filipino number six lightie at 129, was awarded a technical decision over Fred Basa, 130, in 10.
The semi-final 10 saw Willie Makitoki, 145, score a TKO over Flash Romeo, 144, in the seventh session.
Lito Pena, 132, knocked out Cesar Gutierrez, 121, in the second round of a scheduled 10.
Francisco Kiwang, Jr., promoter.
(09-22-84)
►**ILIGAN CITY**—Former Filipino junior welterweight champ Ruben Rabago, 145, gave a lesson to Fernando Gloria, also 145, copping a unanimous decision, 10.
Ruben Melitante, promoter.
(09-22-84)
►**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Flash Marino, 112, earned a unanimous decision over Kid Kanashiro, the GAB's top ranked flyweight at 112, 10 rounds.
Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(09-22-84)
►**DAVAO CITY—C.Y.O. Gym**—Filipino junior featherweight titlist Little Bangoyan, 119, retained his throne by taking a unanimous decision over Ernie Sanico, also 119, 12.
Gil Ragas, 117, chalked up a TKO victory over Siony Carupo, former OPBF junior flyweight champ at 117, in the semi-final 10.
Boy Romero, 134, won a unanimous duke over Young Abaloyan, 127, 10.
Dodong Oculam, 126½, unanimously decisioned Tony Conco, 126, in the first 10.
Elpidio Elorde, promoter.
(09-28-84)
►**TAYUMAN, METRO MANILA**—Lucio Jasminez, 146, was handed a technical decision over Fred Galang, 148, midway in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Elmer Balayan, 129½, scored an eighth round TKO over Ponce Rivera, 129, in a scheduled 10.
Four rounders: Leo Ero, 115, won from Loloy Gavero, also 115. Joery Grande, 116, narrowly decisioned Lorenzo Pormanes, 116½. Salvador MACA, 109, outscored Leon Collins, 109. Ric Santiago, 111, won over Romy Abulencia, 110, in the opener.
Wilfredo Balderama, promoter.
Carlos Dizon and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(09-28-84)
►**LAPU-LAPU CITY, CEBU**—Benjie Miole, the GAB's second ranked flyweight at 114, scored a unanimous decision over Lito Zarda, also 114, 10.
The semi-final saw Ademar Amad, 111½, unanimously outscore Manny Taneo, 111¾, 10.
Roger Salasa, 135½, made short work of Ernesto Sabando, 134, stopped him in the second round of a scheduled 10.
In the first 10, Mar Basas, 111, lost a unanimous nod to Rene Cruz, 110¾.
Roberto Edillo, promoter.
(09-29-84)
►**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Edwin Projo, Filipino top ranked junior flyweight at 111, scored an upset decision over Edwin Inocencio, the national champ, 108, 10. Edwin's Filipino title was not at stake.
Loremer Pontino, 111, TKO'd Bonnie Bahian, also 111, in the third session of the first 10.
Naticidad Cabreros, promoter.
(09-29-84)
►**NOTE:** The Games and Amusements Board of the Philippines named Jongjong Paccquing its Boxer of the Month. Jongjong went to Indonesia and dethroned OPBF lightweight champ Juari via a split 12-round decision in the defending titlist's hometown, Jakarta.
The GAB, in its official ratings as of September 30, declared the Filipino lightweight throne vacant. Jongjong had been the 135-pound national champ.
With thanks to the Games and Amusements Board.

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►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thaveekonn Chor Saunananta, an old soldier at 130, proved no match for Thanusith Singnakorlueng, the Thai Commission's fourth ranked contender at 130, being stopped in the third round of a scheduled six.
(08-01-84)
►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sankampang Boonthavee, top Thai flyweight contender at 114, easily stopped Boontham Singsongphol, an unknown opponent at 113, in the second round of a six.
(08-03-84)
►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thaksin Muangsurin, the TBC's fifth ranked mini-flyweight at 105, lost an upset decision to Thanunoi Sithsema, also 105, in six. The winner was just a simon pure.
(08-04-84)
►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kongkrung Kiatkrianggai, the number 10 Thai miniflyweight, 106, won a unanimous decision from Sirimongkhol S. Saphanhun, also 106, six.
(08-06-84)
►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Nephew of the late ex-WBC light flyweight champ, Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh, Laemthong Vorasingh, 122, returned to the ring, but looked too fat and lost a decision to Phantip Sithraungroj, also 122, six.
(08-10-84)
►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Pongpan Sorphayathai, the WBC's eighth ranked super bantamweight at 125, amazingly dropped a unanimous decision to late substitute Eakalak Singnakornlaung, 127, six.
Thai Surardcharern, the TBC's third ranked lightie at 133, suffered an upset knockout at the hands of Aisu Chorcharernkit, the number two junior lightie at 135, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai mini flyweight champ Kairung Sithphayak, 106, surprisingly lost a decision to former amateur champ Chaiya Singchatchavan, also 106, six. This was Chaiya's pro debut. (08-14-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—It was a month of upset results.

Thai flyweight champ Nongberg Naphataya, 114, lost a split decision to veteran Chatmongkol Thairungriang, 111, in a non-title six. (08-17-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Chor Hhaphalang, Lumpinee Stadium's (not the TBC's) featherweight champ at 133, scored a fine kayo over Trakulpet Petchakasem, 131, in the fifth session of an overweight six.

Thanusith Singnakornlaung, 129, was held to a draw by rookie Petnakeak Saksongward, 130, six. (08-18-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thongberm Lukmaturee, 127, earned a unanimous nod from Ackradech Sithvatyairom, 127, six. (08-24-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sankumpang Boonthavee, 114, tasted an upset knockout at the hands (not feet) of ex-kick boxer Pornmongkol Sithkodom, 114, in the third round of a six. Sankumpang hit the deck twice, and at the third knockdown the TBC ref called a halt. (08-24-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Another former *Muay-Thai* (national kick boxing) battler, Dunglun Nanontachai, 135, floored Phansakdinoi Kiatkaisorn, the TBC's number seven lightie at 135, and won an upset decision, six. (08-29-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Fast rising Kongkrung Kiatkrianggai, 106, scored another upset by chalking up a TKO win over Thai mini flyweight boss Kairung Sithphayak, also 106, in the sixth and final round. Kongkrung sent the TBC champ to the canvas, and opened a wide gash over his left optic. (08-30-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Prayunsak Muangsurin had upset ex-WBC super flyweight champ Chul-Ho Kim with a couple of knockdowns in Kim's unsuccessful comeback go in Korea. Prayunsak then challenged IBF titlist Joo-Do Chun, only to be kayoed.

Prayunsak, 122, appeared in a comeback fight, but lost a unanimous decision to Eakalak (or Ekrag) Singnakornlueng, also 122, six. The winner, Eakalak, tabbed his second upset victory, following one over the WBC's then eighth ranked Pongpan Sorphayathai. (08-31-84)

►**BANGKOK**—Narongthavach Nabumrung, the TBC's top junior flyweight contender at 109, found it very easy to demolish Pudpad Sithchula, 108, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Taksin Munagsurin, 105, halted Petch Sorprasithiporn, a fragile rookie at 105, in the third canto of their six. (09-01-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Having compiled a record of 4-0 with as many kayoes, Rungdej Sakdicharern, a pre-fight favorite, suffered an upset kayo by Downoi Sithsanae, also 118, in 2:47 of the first round in a six. (09-03-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Petchngam Chuvatana, the TBC's sixth ranked flyweight at 116, gave a lesson to Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, also 116, winning a unanimous decision, six. Petchngam can no longer make the flyweight limit. (09-04-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sakad Pornthavee, 136, a former *Muay-Thai* kick boxer who challenged then WBC super bantamweight champ Wilfredo Gomez on June 2, 1978, made a comeback and fought Thai lightweight champ Downthon Chuvatana, also 136, in an eliminator to decide a challenger for the OPBF throne. Sakad dropped Downthong for a count of nine in the fourth session, and won a unanimous decision, 10. Sakad is now 3-1 with one kayo; he had been *Muay-Thai* junior lightweight champ. (09-06-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Dangsod Kiat RD., Lumpinee Stadium's bantamweight champ at 121, won a unanimous duke from Gongnapha Sith B.C., an unknown boy at 120, six.

Sombutryod Singsamang, the TBC's number four bantie at 120, polished off Laemthong Vorasingh, 121, in the second round of their scheduled six. (09-08-84)

►**BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring**—The WBA's second ranked junior bantamweight Kaosai Galaxy, 117, engaged in a tune-up go prior to his scheduled eliminator with Eusebio Espinal to decide the new champ. The WBA had stripped Jiro Watanabe of his title in the 115-pound class, as the Association refused to allow Jiro to engage in a unification title bout with WBC champ Payao Poontarat.

Galaxy, 117, made short work of Korean Yun-Lee Moon, also 117, stopping him in the second round of a scheduled 10. Kaosai floored him once in the second session, and twice more in the next canto. (09-02-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Nampetch Donjadee, 128, formerly a TBC's lightweight contender, collapsed at the hands of Pakhai Charoenmaung, also 128, at 1:56 of the fourth round in six. (09-12-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Having eked out a split decision last May, Surasit Meeprasert, TBC's fifth ranked junior bantie at 115, faced Jownaranoi Jomkatha, 113½, again and knocked him out in 1:45 of the third session of six. (09-14-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Pongpan Sorphayathai, the WBC's 19th ranked super bantam at 126, displayed his power in demolishing Arkadech Sithwatyairom, 126, at 2:10 of the fourth session in a scheduled six. (09-15-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Having beaten Thai champ Kairung Sithphayak in his pro debut, ex-amateur champ won his second bout by decisioning Suriyanoi Somtangkuijub, TBC's third-ranked mini flyweight at 106, six. (09-16-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Yuanyong Sakprasong, a hard punching ex-*Muay Thai* fighter at 115, ran his log to 5-1 with five kayoes as he halted Pornmongkol Sithkodome, also 115, at 2:56 of the first round in a scheduled six. (09-20-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai Surardcharern, the TBC's number four lightie at 134, easily polished off Yodphayak S. Nantha, 132, at 1:45 of the first round in a six. Mismatch. (09-21-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai junior featherweight champ Dejvarin Hollywood, 126, scored an easy stoppage of Samor Laudayudthaya, also 126, at 1:58 of the second round in a six.

Hard hitting Thongberm Lukmaturee, the TBC's second ranked junior feather at 128, disposed of Santi Donjadee, the Thai number three featherweight at 128, at 2:37 of the fourth canto in their six. (09-22-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Dangsod Kiat RD., Lumpinee's bantam boss at 119, dropped an upset split decision to Sakdichai Kiatsonthaya, 117, six. (09-25-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Having been kayoed by Ruangdeck Sakcharoen in round two last June, Chalongchai Singcaltex, the TBC's second ranked junior bantie at 118, scored a fine knockout over Downoi Sithsanae, 118, in 2:45 of the second round in a scheduled six. Downoi, the TBC's third ranked 115-pounder, had been a first round kayo winner over Ruangdeck. (09-26-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Busy Kongkrung Kiatkrianggai, the number 10 Thai mini flyweight at 106, rode his bicycle and earned a unanimous decision over Bamchio Sathiragym, a taller rival, also 106, six. (09-27-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Prayurasak Muangsurin, the Thai junior bantam champ, 122, lost an upset decision to Ekalak Singnakornlaung last month, and fought Ekalak, also 122, again. This time, Prayurasak (AKA Prayunsak or Prayoonsak) dropped the previous upset winner for the count in 2:07 of the fourth round in a six. (09-28-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakdisamuth Singsamang, the TBC's second ranked junior fly at 113, returned to ring warfare and managed to win a unanimous decision over Chainoi Kittikasem, also 113, six. (09-29-84)

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QUEENSLAND

►**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Brian Anderson, 162, England, won a majority decision over newly crowned Australian middleweight champion Emmanuel Otti, 160½, 10. Alan Moore, non-scoring referee. The official cards were 98-94, 99-94, and 98-98. Anderson had too much class for Otti.

Southpaw Gary Williams, 134, Orange, New South Wales, stopped New Zealand champion Musa Sione, 138, in the eighth round of their scheduled 10. Denzil Creed, referee.

Geoff Kanofski, 158, halted Brendan Dempsey, 160, in the eighth round of another scheduled 10. Denzil Creed, referee.

Russell Finn, 127, kayoed Tony Jones, 123, in the first round of a scheduled four. Jones should not be confused with the Western Australian boxer of the same name.

Ronald Doo, 144, outscored Laurie Mason, 142, four.

Percy Israel, 128, stopped Roy Saunders, 132, in the third round of their scheduled four. (08-20-84)

VICTORIA

►**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—Graeme Brooke, 136, outpointed southpaw Kyong-Hwan Chae, 137¼, Korea, 10.

Steve Nelson, 119, halted Phil Neiwand, 121¼, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Steve Robert, 130, outpointed Phil Defina, 132¼, six.

Rodney Bowman, 131, outscored Lance Mendola, also 131, six.

Brad Fredrics, 142½, outpointed Brad O'Toole, 133¼, six. (09-07-84)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

►**MORLEY—West Morley Hotel**—Tony Jones, 143¼, easily outpointed Willie Tarika, 141, 10. Tarika, decked twice, was coming off an Australian title fight with Pat Leglise, and appeared jaded.

Tony Miller, 125¾, outpointed Ron Smith, also 125¾, 10.

Dave Ramsden, 152¼, outscored Matt Smith, also 152¼, eight.

Lou Cafaro, 158¾, stopped Nick Abraham, also 158¾, in the second round of a scheduled eight. (08-28-84)

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8. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
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10. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
WBA Champion
Richard Sandoval (U.S.)
WBC Champion
Albert Davila (U.S.)
1. Jeff Chandler (U.S.)
2. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
3. Chan-Yong Park (Korea)
4. Freddie Jackson (U.S.)
5. Edgar Roman (Venezuela)
6. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
7. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
8. Oscar Muniz (U.S.)
9. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
10. James Pipps (U.S.)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
WBA Championship
Vacant
WBC Champion
Jiro Watanabe (Japan)
1. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Rep.)
2. Kaosai Galexi (Thailand)
3. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
4. Julio Soto Solano (Dom. Rep.)
5. Payao Poontarat (Thailand)
6. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
7. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
8. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
9. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
10. Dong-Chun Lee (Korea)

FLYWEIGHTS
WBA Champion
Santos Laciar (Argentina)
1. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
2. Alonso Gonzalez (U.S.)
3. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
4. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
5. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
6. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
7. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
8. Ramon Nery (Dominican Republic)
9. Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)
10. Antoine Montero (France)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
WBA Champion
Francisco Quiroz (Dominican Rep.)
WBC Champion
Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)
1. Joey Olivo (U.S.)
2. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
3. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
4. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
5. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
6. Dong-Yong Hwang (Korea)
7. Oh-Kong Son (Korea)
8. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
9. Katsuo Tokashiki (Japan)
10. Kenbun Taiho (Japan)

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VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

Morris Reif.

BY CHARLIE SPINA

DOES ANYONE REMEMBER WELTERweight Morris Reif, the Brooklyn left hook artist of the '40's and '50's? Reif was born February 25, 1925 and began his boxing career when Joe Marciente, a good featherweight who once fought Harry Jeffra, spotted Morris in a street fight. Reif was 15-years-old at the time and Marciente advised him to take up prize fighting.

Reif started training at the famed Charlie Beechers Gym in Brooklyn under the tutelage of Fat Yerna and Patsy Fazio. He borrowed a neighbor's birth certificate and boxed as an amateur under the name of Al Heller, going all the way to the finals of the 1940 New York Golden Gloves.

When Reif turned professional, he was managed by Al Wiell. When Wiell signed further heavyweight king Rocky Marciano, stablemate Reif helped Rocky, showing him some of the finer points of the "sweet science."

Reif headlined a total of 10 times at the old Madison Square Garden at 50th Street and was one of the most popular fighters to perform at that venue. Once, when Reif was introduced from the ring, Frank Sinatra—always a great boxing fan—left his seat to shake Morris' hand.

Morris had problems with his right hand and broke it twice. This forced him to switch to the left hook as a knockout punch. He finished his career as a left hook artist, boxing world champions Johnny Bratton and Beau Jack before he hung up his gloves.

In 1951, Reif's MSG bout with Pete Kennedy was chosen by *The Ring* as one of the best action fights of the year. Morris beat Kenney, but it was his last fight. Other top names Reif fought were: Danny Bartfielf, Harold Green, Aaron Perry, Tommy Roman, Vic Costa, Willie Joyce, Lew Hanbury, Lou Vallas, Joey Peralta, Ralph Walton, Jack Larrimore, Mickey Farber, Henry Jordan and Marvin Bryant.

Following his retirement, Reif invested his money in a hotel and billiards parlor. During World War II, Reif served in the United States Navy in the amphibian forces and saw action in the Solomon Islands.

Reif still keeps in touch with what's going on in boxing. He lives in North Hollywood, California, and is a noted trainer-manager of both amateur and professional boxers. He enjoys excellent health, is happily married, has two daughters and a son, and is also a proud grandfather.

THE 22ND ANNUAL NATIONAL VETeran Boxers Convention was held this year at the Holiday Inn in Philadelphia and hosted by Ring 88 of North East Philadelphia. A huge attendnace was on hand to honor former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier, former middleweight champion Joey Giardello, former lightweight king Bob Montgomery, former middleweight boss Billy Soose, promoter Joe Verne and "Prospect of the Year" Gregg Edelman. Bob Lee, president of the USBA and IBF was the guest speaker at the testimonial banquet . . . The new president of the NVBA for the year 1985 will be Mike Mittman, of Ring 23 in Allentown, Pa. Mittman will succeed Bernie Manhoff, who did a fine job during his reign. Ralph Lake, of Ring 88 North East Philadelphia, will be Mike's VP. Peter Modica, of Ring 8 Boston, will be second VP, while Paul Venti, of Ring 20, Kearney, N.J., will be third VP. Audrey Jones will be Treasurer and Odin Dudrick Recording Secretary. Congratulations to the new president and his staff.

On Oct. 3, 1984, the corner of 49th St. and Broadway in New York City, was officially designated "JACK DEMPSEY CORNER". Among the gathering who were on hand to help celebrate the festivities were: former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier, Ex-middleweight champion Rocky Graziano, Dempsey's widow Deanna, Mrs. Barbara Phillips, his step daughter, and members of Ring 8, of New York City. Said Mrs. Dempsey: "He loved New York and I can see that New York loved him back." . . . The new officers of Northern California Veteran Boxers, Ring 72 are: President, Ray Lunny, Vice President, John Vidal, Secretary-Treasurer, Jack Campbell and Sergeant-At-Arms, Big Joe Roche. . . .

Willie Pastrano, former world's lightheavyweight champion, is now a member of the Louisiana State Boxing Commission and is doing very well. Willie wishes to be remembered to all his friends throughout the world. Willie recently celebrated his 49th birthday this past November. Happy Birthday Willie . . .

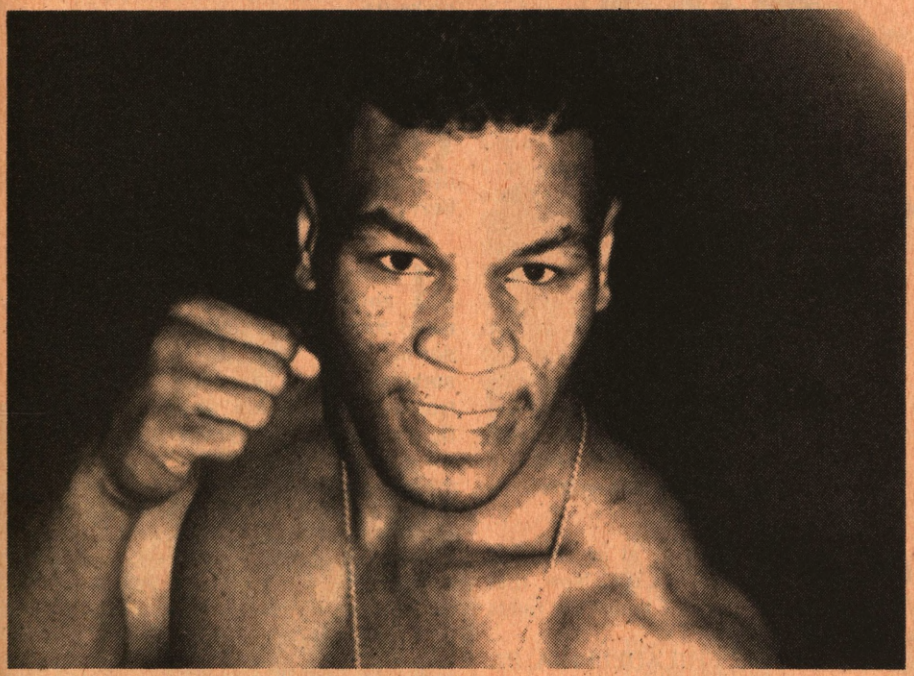
Also "Happy Birthday" to Rocky Graziano, who will celebrate his 63rd birthday on January 1, 1985 and Kid Gavilan, who will be 59 years-of-age on January 6, 1985. Good Luck to the newly formed Ring 90 of Los Angeles, California. The former world's welterweight champion Jimmy McLarnin, is the president of this group, with Marshall Wright as Exec. Vice President and the Directors are Gary Ballin, George Luckman, James Brown, Monty Monaghan, John Peterson, Norman Cody and Mike Neporadny.

On September 21, 22 and 23, 1984, the International Veteran Boxers Association Convention was held at the Friar Tuck Inn, in Catskills, New York. This year's convention was dedicated to Irv Silverman, long time IVBA secretary, for his dedication and meritorious service to the sport of boxing . . .

Also honored were: Phil Terranova, former featherweight champion, Charlie Fusari, Stanley Evans, Joe "Pep" Cassillo, Champ Snell, Nick Bass, Vince Cala, and Peter Marsillo (Posthumously). Bert Sugar, boxing correspondent and former editor of *The Ring*, was the guest speaker. Various Rings from all over the country attended this year's convention. □

THE AMATEUR BOXER

BY BOB TAYLOR



Super heavyweight Mike Tyson is being handled by Cus D'Amato, the legendary manager who brought Floyd Patterson and Jose Torres to world titles.

THEY COULD MAKE A MOVIE OUT OF the Mike Tyson-Cus D'Amato story. The script goes like this: Tough Kid from Brooklyn gets into trouble. Goes to reform school. He shows aptitude for boxing and is brought to the attention of a flinty, septuagenarian fight manager. The manager, a molder of world champions, takes liking to Kid. Kid is released in his custody. Manager becomes his legal guardian, Kid starts mopping up amateur boxing world.

The story of Tyson (the Kid, now 18) and D'Amato (the Manager, 76) is far from over. Mike returned recently from Finland, where he captured the super heavyweight crown in the prestigious Tampere international boxing tournament. A finalist in the 1984 Olympic Trials, he is now at the crossroads: to turn pro or not to turn pro.

According to D'Amato, who handled world champions Floyd Patterson and Jose Torres, the deciding factor will be where Tyson will get the most valuable experience. Does he get it by fighting preliminary palookas or by battling the world's top amateurs?

The chances are you won't see Mike at the National Golden Gloves Tournament in Little Rock, Ark., at the end of March, says Cus. He'll be making his climb through the pro heavyweight ranks by then, adds D'Amato.

What's amazing about Tyson is how far he's come with his limited experience. He's had fewer than 30 fights and nobody will spar with him. Cus has paid as high as $1,000 to bring main event pros to the camp in Catskill, N.Y. The longest any has stayed has been 10 days.

In strength, tenacity and knockout power, Tyson can be compared to Joe Frazier. Cus finds one major diference: Mike gets hit less often.

EVERYBODY WAS CALLING OBIE Beard's victory over Marvin Chambers in the U.S. Boxing Championships an upset. This corner was not surprised. Neither was Beard's coach, Rayford Collins, we're sure. Lightweight Beard, from Jackson, Tenn., is probably just coming into his own as an open fighter after a successful career in the Junior Olympics. National Golden Gloves champion Chambers, out of St. Louis, is far from being a slouch. But many believe Beard will equal or surpass his brother, Jackie, one of the world's top amateur boxers in recent years. Jackie, a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic team, is now ranked seventh in the world among pro featerweights by *Ring*.

CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORTS, Kokomo, Indiana's Victor Levine, 132, has not yet turned pro. Coach Ed Baker says Levine, last year's national Golden Gloves champ at 125, won't corss the simon-pure line until after this year's national Gloves. Meanwhile, Victor's brother, Dwayne, is kicking up a lot of resin in the featherweight division. He recently won the 119 crown at the U.S. Junior Championships.

JOHNNY DUKE OF HARTFORD, CONN., who's gloved so many fighters at U.S. tournaments that he's become known as the Glove Man, is his usual funny self. Asked what he thought about the rule against coaching from the corner during a bout, Johnny replied: "Nope, I don't believe in coaching from the corner. Besides, it can get your fighter in trouble. Once I was telling my guy, 'Jab and hook, jab and hook.' My guy either doesn't hear me or he hears me and ignores my advice. But the other guy hears me. He jabs and hooks and he knocks my guy out."

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CLARENCE DEWberry—he lost to Bennie Heard in the Olympic Trials—is staying in the Army and plans to continue campaigning as an amateur. Dewberry, who's now 36-4, suffered bad luck in the All-Army Championships at Fort Bragg. While winning his semifinal match, he suffered a badly cut lip. The injury forced him out of the finals and gave the crown automatically to Ronnie Hughes. Dewberry has beaten Hughes several times. Clarence is stationed in Holland. Ivan W. Berry is his coach.

EIGHTY NINE PERCENT OF AMATEUR boxers prefer the use of headgear in matches. That's according to a survey we did. Some of the boxers said they'd also prefer the use of headgear in the pros. Fans disagree on the subject. Tony Leva, an 11-year-old fan from McHenry, Ill., wrote that he thought the pros should adopt headguards. "It will limit injuries," he says. John Dziubek of Bristol, Conn., disagrees. Declaring that "headguards will not stop ring deaths," he added: "Headguards offer a false sense of security to boxers." What do you think? Write to Ring Amateur Section, P.O. Box 249, Cobalt CT 06414. □

ASK THE STARS

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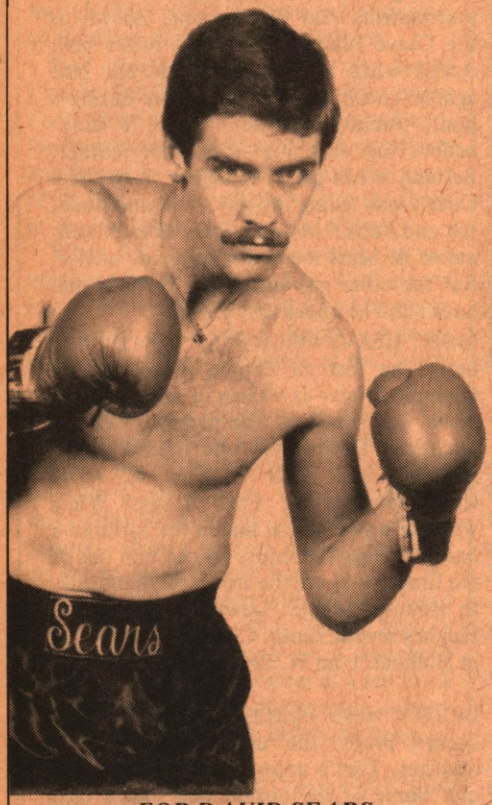
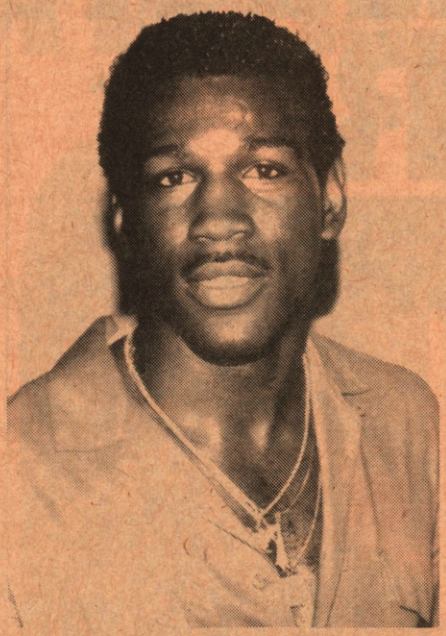


FOR DAVID SEARS
Light Heavyweight prospect

Q Your 12-round draw with NABF light heavyweight champion Willie Edwards was very close. Did you feel that you had an edge, and would you like to fight him again?

R.B., NORWALK, CN

A **Everyone thought I won that fight. I'd like to fight him again, but this time for the world's title.**



FOR SAAD MUHAMMAD
Former WBC Light Heavyweight Champion

Q I used to see you at all the big cards in Atlantic City. Now that you've retired, I never see you at the fights anymore. How come?

C.W., PHILADELPHIA, PA

A **I really don't like to go. It's like a fire within me that makes me want to do it (fight) again when I go. So I just stay away.**

FOR STEVE McCRORY
Olympic Gold Medalist

Q American boxing fans have showed little interest in the flyweights in recent years. What do you think you can do to pump a little glamor into the 112-pound division?

T.M., DALLAS, TX

A **I'm still cocky. I plan to become one of the toughest, hardest-hitting flyweights in the world. I'm here to prove that Steve McCrory will go down in history as one of the greatest flyweights in the world.**

FOR ROBERTO DURAN
Former lightweight, welterweight and junior middleweight champion

Q I read that you had been offered $4 million to make a comeback against Davey Moore. That's a lot of money. Will you return for one more giant payday?

J.D., SAN JUAN, PR

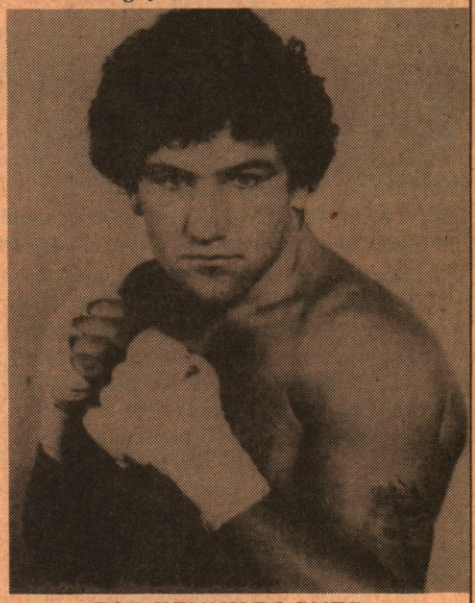
A **No, I've accomplished everything I had to in boxing. Now I will dedicate my time to my family and my orchestra.**

FOR LARRY HOLMES
IBF heavyweight champion

Q Why are you fighting an inexperienced guy like Bonecrusher Smith instead of one of the top-rated heavyweights?

C.A., SCRANTON, PA

A **People say Bonecrusher Smith is nothing. But they also said Renaldo Snipes was nothing and he put me down. They said Mike Weaver was nothing, but he gave me all sorts of trouble. Bonecrusher Smith is a strong fighter and he deserves a shot just like those other guys.**



FOR KENNY BOGNER
Lightweight contender

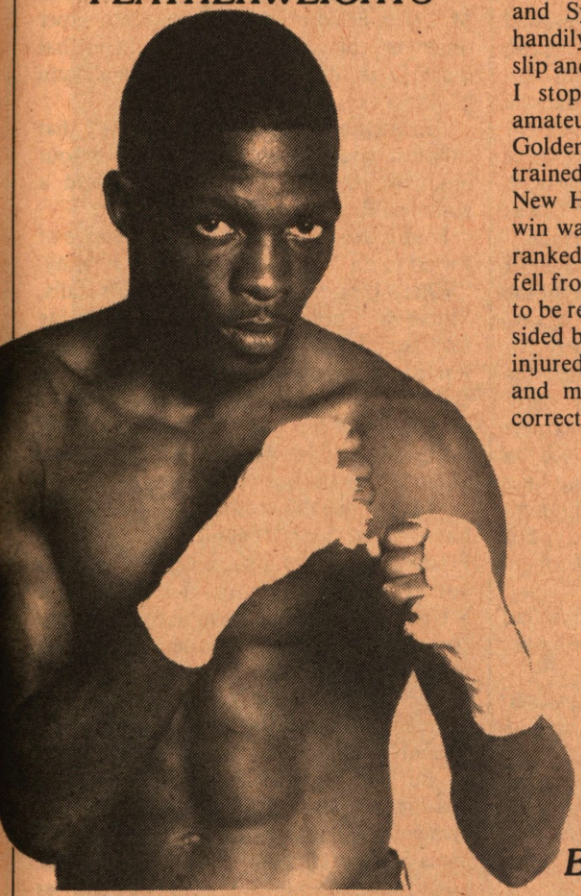
Q You have had two bouts with Ray Mancini cancelled when Boom Boom pulled out with injuries. Do you think you'll ever fight Ray?

S.B., TRENTON, NJ

A **I'll believe that fight when I look across the ring and see him sitting there. The guy yells about fighting me from a block away. But when I get close, he's gone.**

FIGHTERS RATE THEIR DIVISION

CALVIN GROVE RATES THE FEATHERWEIGHTS

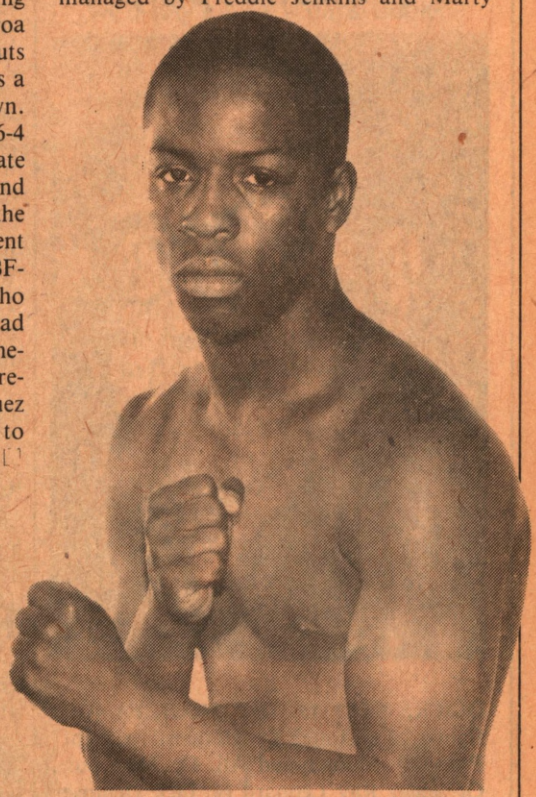


WHEN A GUY IN THIS TOUGH FIGHT game goes around with a nickname like "Silky Smooth," it's easy to be deceived about his style. When he shaves the sides of his head and wears his hair in a modified version of the ever-popular Grace Jones look, the deception can be taken one step further. But, make no mistake, Calvin "Silky Smooth" Grove is much more than just a mod-looking boxer. The 22-year-old featherweight from Pottstown, PA, is a genuine prospect just one or two fights away from a spot in the 126-pound top-10 . . . Calvin's boxing style most certainly fits his nickname . . . He is a stand-up boxer who shows fast hands, tons of poise, good movement and deceptive power on a slim 5-foot-8 frame . . . Although he can sometimes be accused of doing too much posing and not enough punching, Grove has been in such total control of his bouts to date that his occasional laziness is almost understandable . . . Another mark against Grove is that the best opponents on his 18-0, 10 KO record are journeymen Sylvester Kennon and Pedro Montero . . . "We're shopping for a top-tenner to fight now, but we're in no hurry. I've learned a lot in every one of my fights." . . . One of the lessons Calvin has learned, he admits, is "how to get up from a knockdown." . . . He has been down twice as a pro, getting up from early flattenings by Jose Figueroa and Sylvester Price to win both bouts handily . . . "The Price knockdown was a slip and I got real mad they ruled me down. I stopped him in four." . . . A 36-4 amateur who won a Pennsylvania state Golden Gloves title, Calvin is managed and trained by John Traitz and works out at the New Hanover Gym . . . His most recent win was a fifth-round stoppage of NABF-ranked veteran Margarito Marquez, who fell from a dazzling overhand right and had to be rescued by the referee in a totally one-sided bout . . . "Silky Smooth" said he re-injured a bone in his wrist against Marquez and may have to have an operation to correct the problem.

1. Bernard Taylor
2. Eusebio Pedroza
3. Wilfredo Gomez
4. Azumah Nelson
5. Barry McGuigan
6. Irving Mitchell
7. Juan LaPorte
8. Richard Savage
9. Johnny de la Rosa
10. Jackie Beard

BRYAN JONES RATES THE BANTAMWEIGHTS

IT OFTEN TAKES A CLOSE CALL TO knock some sense into a streaking young boxer. Following five relatively easy wins as a pro, Philly bantamweight Bryan "Boogaloo" Jones ran into a tartar in Pepe Vasquez and twice tasted the canvas before hanging on to cop a unanimous, if unpopular, decision . . . The close win raised Jones' record to 6-0, 2 KOs and gave him a valuable education . . . "The first time he put me down (in the third round), he caught me clean with a left hook because I had my hands down. The second time (in round seven), he hit me with a straight right on the chin while I was switching to a southpaw stance. I was never hurt, but I know I'll never be that lazy again, especially if I'm gonna continue to switch-hit." . . . Jones was probably lucky the fight was in Atlantic City, not because he got a hometown advantage, but rather because the scoring in New Jersey is on the round system and Bryan arguably won all the rounds except the two knockdown frames. Without a two-point advantage for the two knockdowns, Vasquez couldn't get the nod . . . The 19-year-old Jones is a former National ABF and National Sports Festival amateur champ at 106 pounds who beat the likes of Olympic Trials semi-finalist Jose Rosario . . . Bryan is co-managed by Freddie Jenkins and Marty



Feldman and trains at the 26th and Masters gym in Philadelphia with Al Mitchell . . . "I do a lot of sparring with Choo-Choo Brown," notes Jones. "He helps me get ready for all my fights." . . . Bryan works eight hours a day as a house painter to pay the bills "Until I make it big in boxing." . . . If Jones does reach the top, it'll be because of his hand speed and movement . . . "I am a natural southpaw," he adds. "But I usually fight righthanded."

1. Richard Sandoval
2. Jeff Chandler
3. Albert Davila
4. Oscar Muniz
5. Edgar Roman
6. Harold Petty
7. Gaby Canizales
8. Freddie Jackson
9. Enrique Sanchez
10. Jiro Watanabe

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IN THIS CORNER

FRED ABBATIELLO (Timekeeper)

QUICK, WHO IS THE MOST FAMOUS fighter of all-time? Tough question, right? Probably Muhammad Ali. Or Joe Louis. Or Sugar Ray Leonard or Jack Dempsey . . . maybe even John L. Sullivan. Picking the most famous referee would be an equally perplexing task. Arthur Donovan, Ruby Goldstein, and Arthur Mercante are names that come to mind.

Now name the most famous *timekeeper* of all-time. Only one name comes to mind: Fred Abbatiello, the man behind the gong in every major fight held in New York since 1949.

Fred is a nice personable fellow who has never seeked the limelight. He is reluctant to give the year, but Alfred Michael Abbatiello was born on East 115th Street in Manhattan on June 2nd. Whaver the exact year, it was a long time back; Fred and his wife, Fanny, have been married over fifty years.

It was, in fact, through Fanny that Fred got involved with boxing as a timekeeper. Mrs. Abbatiello's uncle, who was on the New York Commission back in 1938, asked Fred if he'd like to be a timekeeper. Fred said yes, and Fanny's uncle got him licensed. In no time, Fred was the timekeeper at a club up in the Bronx. It was that simple.

Fred's interest in the sport, however, had begun at least ten years before that. He can still recall hearing the famed old announcer, Joe Humphries, bellow out the introductions, *sans* mike, in the Garden of the 1920s. When Fred was 17, he had some amateur contests, fights that left him with black eyes and swollen noses. "I was working in Bloomingdale's at the time," Fred says, "and my boss said I could either be a salesman or fighter." Fred thought the matter was over and he never fought again.

Harry Bannion, the timekeeper for M.S.G. and St. Nick's shows since the 1920s (when he had replaced George Muth, the first timekeeper licensed by the then new Walker Commission), was getting old by the 1940s, and his sense of timing had long passed its peak. "They (the promoters) tried to get rid of him in a nice way, but Harry didn't want to go," remembers Fred.

That was in 1943. By 1949, Bannion had passed on, and Fred was the timekeeper for the Garden.

Timekeeping for fights, however, never has been a full-time job for anyone. Fred was a corrections officer for New York State for over thirty years until his retirement in the 1970s. Timekeeping, however, was, and is, Fred's lifeblood, and he is, without a doubt, "the best in the business." "I prepare all day," says Abbatiello. "I always have three watches, and not cheap ones, either—they're Longines watches, and they cost $175 apiece. A lot of other timekeepers get these cheap $30 watches, but they're making a mistake.

"I synchronize my watches during the day—ten hours before fight time. Then I get there early and prepare—checking each detail. I always know exactly what I'm doing."

There have been few—if any—"incidents" during Fred's long career—a tribute to his professionalism and consistency. There remains, however, the age old problem that exists everywhere—fighters, and referees, who do not hear round-ending bells.

"They ought to have their hearing checked upon occasion. I mean the referees as well as all the fighters. I always have a whistle with me that I blow in case all fails. You can never be too careful." Fred's "bells," it must be emphasized, are the most sure-fingered, clear-sounding in boxing. If at first, one bell does not halt the action, Fred is quick to give two more sharp rings. (If that fails, he goes to the whistle, though I've never seen him have to do it.)

The equipment for timekeepers hasn't changed much since Fred started working, though Fred has used every kind of timepiece from the old clock still used in M.S.G.'s Felt Forum to the modern super timer in the big arena upstairs. (That machine is also used for basketball and hockey.)

"In certain cases, they have a bell that calls for you to work the lever with your index finger. In other cases, I used a hammer. But I know them all."

Fred's sense of timing and knowledge of "what to do" in any situation are uncanny. "When I started working," he recalls, "there was no alternate referee counting for the knockdowns. The timekeeper started the count himself, and the referee picked it up in unison with *him*." Fred's choice as the top all-time referee is Ruby Goldstein, and his nomination for the top announcer is the late Johnny Addie.

What about the various promoters Fred has worked for? "People don't know," Fred explains, "that timekeepers work for and are hired by the promoter of the card. We're licensed by the commission, and the commissioner can make a recommendation, but it's the promoter who decides which timekeeper he will employ." A recent case involved the double title bill (Bramble-Mancini and Hatcher-Bumphus) in Buffalo, in which New York Commission Chairman John Branca recommended Fred, only to have the promoter use a less experienced timekeeper in order not to have to pay Fred's travel expenses from New York. There is, incidentally, no minimum salary for timekeepers. The promoter pays them as much—or little—as he desires.

The entire boxing world should give a big "thank you" to Fred for his long years of professional service. Fred's as sharp as ever, and, though the fistic community may regret that his son, Vincent, a banker, has decided not to continue with his timekeeping activities, it can hopefully look forward to many more years of timekeeping from the master, Fred Abbatiello . . . .

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